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Date of Sailing. 1905. Saturday.	Steamer.	Tons.	Connecting at Aden with.	Tons
2 P.M.				
16th Dec.	ORIENTAL.....	5284	MARMORA.....	10509
23rd "	ARABIA	7903	.....	.....
30th "	PENINSULAR ..	6294	MACEDONIA..	10513
1906				
6th Jan.	CALEDONIA.....	7558	.....	.....
13th Jan	ORIENTAL.....	5284	VICTORIA	6562
20th "	PERSIA	7951	.....	.....
27th "	PENINSULAR..	6294	HIMALAYA ...	6826
3rd Feb.	EGYPT	7912	.....	.....
10th "	ORIENTAL	5284	INDIA.....	7911
17th "	CHINA.....	7913	.....	.....
24th "	PENINSULAR..	6294	BRITANNIA ...	6525
3rd Mar.	ARABIA.....	7903	.....	.....
10th "	ORIENTAL.....	5284	MOLDAVIA	10000
17th "	MACEDONIA..	10512	.....	.....
24th "	PENINSULAR.	6294	MONGOLIA.....	10000
31st "	PERSIA.....	7951	.....	.....
7th Apl.	ORIENTAL	5284	MOOLTAN.....	10000
14th "	EGYPT	7913	.....	.....
21st "	PENINSULAR....	6294	MARMORA ...	10509
28th "	CALEDONIA ..	7558	.....	.....
5th May	ORIENTAL	5284	VICTORIA	6562
12th "	ARABIA	7903	.....	.....
19th "	PENINSULAR.	6294	HIMALAYA ...	6826
26th "	MACEDONIA ...	10513	.....	.....

The above Steamers convey Passengers to Marseilles, Plymouth and London.
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MYSORE.....	4,265	Combe	22nd Feb "
AUSTRALIEN ...	6,635	Verron....	22nd Mar "
VILLE de la CIOTAT ...	6,039	Etienne....	19th Apr. "

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LAMA	2170	Tues.	19 Dec. 4 p.m.	Kathiawar Ports
DWARKA.	1700	Thur.	21 Dec. 9 a.m.	Cutch Mandvie
LHASA ..	2170	Frid.	15 Dec. 11a.m.	(direct.)

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Steamer.	Captain.	Tons	To sail on
IMPERATRIX.	G. Ghezzo	4,194	1st Jan. 1906,
IMPERATOR..	F. Mosca.....	4,119	1st Feb. "
IMPERATRIX.	G. Ghezzo	4,194	1st Mar. "
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TRIESTE	D. Mistrorigo ...	5,085	26th Dec. 1905.
NIPPON.....	L. Solich.....	5,316	26th Jan. 1906.
† CHINA.....	A. Lova.....	6,000	1st March "
FRANZ FERDINAND....	G. Matcovich.....	6046	20th March "
† AUSTRIA	R. Colledani	7600	9th April "

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Marseilles	40	...	40	...	40	...

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				1905	1905	1905	1905
A	City of Karachi	4000	*Hood	17th Nov	23rd Nov	12th Dec	19th Dec
A	Trafford Hall.....	5500	Cobb	21st "	2nd Dec	16th "	23rd "
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Bijou Prayer and Hymns	... 2 1/4 × 1 3/4 in.	8	4	12	0	8	4
Bijou Prayer Book	... 2 1/8 × 1 7/8 in.	7	8	9	0	7	8
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Bijou Hymn Book...	... .	5	4	11	12	5	4
Bijou Marriage Service	... .	7	8	11	12	7	8
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ou Marriage service	... .	3	12			3	12

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NOTICE.

POWER OF ATTORNEY has THIS DAY been given by ME to Mr. William T. LANE who will act as GENERAL MANAGER and ENGINEER of the Bombay Gas Coy., Ltd., until further notice.

F. W. CHAMBERLAIN,
General Manager and Engineer.

SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT NOTICE.

No. 40.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the STORE AND SHIPPING OFFICER, Bombay, up to 12 NOON, on each of the dates fixed against each, for contracts as specified below.

Forms of Tenders and schedules and all further particulars can be obtained on application to the above officer up to 2 o'clock P.M. before the date of opening of tenders except SUNDAYS and HOLIDAYS.

No Tenders will be received except on forms obtainable from the above officer on payment of Rupee One for each Tender form.

Description of articles.	Stations where required.	Estimated requirement.	Period of Contract.	Amount of Earnest money	Date of invitation.
				Rs.	
Provisions for Native	To be delivered at Bombay and into S. and T. Depot, Aden.	As provided for in the Schedule.	Do.	50	20th Dec. 1905.
Troops for Bombay...					
Do. Aden.....				600	21st. Dec. 1905.

L. J. MATHIAS, Major,
Store and Shipping Officer.

Store and Shipping Office,
Bombay, 14th December, 1905.

THE LAKHSHMI COTTON MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ISSUE OF DEBENTURE LOAN of Rs 5 LACS (500 DEBENTURES OF Rs. 1,000 each) FOR 4 1-2 YEARS AT 5 PER CENT INTEREST PAYABLE HALF YEARLY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Directors of the abovementioned Company, having decided to ADD a WEAVING SHED to the existing Mill have also resolved to RAISE a sum of RUPEES FIVE LACS; at 5 per cent interest payable half yearly upon the terms hereinafter appearing.

The Landed Property of the Company also the Buildings, Machinery and Plant, belonging to the Company (but not the liquid assets) will form the security for the said Debenture Loan.

The principal amount of the said Debenture Loan will be repayable on the 1st July, 1921.

NOTICE is hereby further given that holders of the existing Debentures, which fall due on the 1st January, 1906, will have a preference in the allotment of the New Issue of Debentures provided they apply for the New Debentures on or before the 22nd December, 1905.

Forms of application for the New Debentures can be had from the Undersigned.

By Order of the Board,

FOR THE BOMBAY COMPANY LIMITED,
H. C. WRIGHT,
Managing Director.
Secretaries, Treasurers & Agents.
LAKHSHMI COTTON MANUFACTURING Co., Ld.

Bombay, 14th December, 1905.

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SEALED TENDERS are invited and will be received at the Office of the undersigned up till NOON one o'clock Standard Time on FRIDAY the 5th day of January, 1906, for works in connection with the CONSTRUCTION of the NEW GENERAL POST OFFICE, Bombay.

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Gulistan, 2848 tons, Captain C Blault, will sail to-day for Baltimore, with a cargo of manganese ore.

THE Italian steamer Orsoole, 2784 tons, Captain S Zennaro, will sail to-day for Calcutta via Colombo, with a general cargo.

THE steamer Shah Ameer, 1922 tons, Captain Born, will sail to-day for Jeddah, &c, with a general cargo and pilgrims as passengers.

THE Florio and Rubattino, S N Co's steamer Deo Balduino, 3041 tons, Captain Canepa, will sail to-day for Genoa, &c, with a general cargo and passengers.

THE Hansa Line steamer Bahenfels 2932 tons, Captain R Krippner, arrived in harbour yesterday from Hamburg via Antwerp and London with a general cargo.

THE B and P S N Co's steamer Ahmadi, 1640 tons Captain F W Crooks, arrived in harbour yesterday from Jedah via Aden with a general cargo, and 10 deck passeng rs.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Onip nta, 3429 tons, Captain W H Hill, arrived in harbour on Wednesday evening from Calcutta via coast ports, with a general cargo and Mr and Mrs Lekoy and 11 deck passengers.

MEN-OF-WAR & ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

IN THE STREAM.

R I M S Dufferin ..Comdr Warden.. Hat'ofi...16-12R I M rine
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VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR—Dec. 14.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
Eden(bque)	414	Souton			The Captain
Kasara	505	Browning			M M & Co
Pekin	2522	Lo Mare	Kobe		P & O Co
Tientsin	3391	Andrews	Stream	28-10	P & O Co
Carona(ss)	4375	Montfo d			E T jbhoy
Pundit	38 2	Crebbin	Kchi	N F	T M & Co
Querimba	379	Smith			M M & Co
Ormidale	2205	Hamilton			T M & Co
Haighington	182	Tofs			W & A G & Co
Afghanistan	8248	Moore			E Latham & Co
Shundara	1215	Boon	Calcutta		M M & Co
Honsatonic	Henny				Standard Oil Co
Barrowfield	26 1	Mackenzie			Bombay Co
Africa	1302	Tipper			M & Co
Umbalia	3426	Hugill			M M & Co
Onipenta	3420	Hill			M M & Co
Bahenfels	293	Krifftner			Glade and Co
Bezwada	870	Wadge			M M & Co
Ahmadi	1640	Crooks			B & P S N Co
Baron Cawdor	2564	Goudey			S Wallace & Co
Balmoral	2500	Wood			K N & Co
Kincraig	1382	C mpbell			W & A G & Co

ARRIVALS

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
13	Onipenta s	Hill	Calcutta Nov 22
14	Bahenfels	Krippner	Hamburg, Nov 5
	Ahmadi s	Crooks	Joddah, Dec 2

DEPARTURES

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
14	Clan Banald s	Mackintosh	Hull
	Kola s	Chappell	Persian Gulf, &c

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday :—

Steamer Deo Balduino, Canepa, for Genoa, &c
" Shah Ameer Born, for Jeddah, &c
" Gulistan, Blault, for Baltimore

The steamer Ahmadi began to load yesterday for Jeddah, &c.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The B I S N Co's steamer Mombassa, passed Lisbon, on the afternoon of the 11th instant.

The Clan Line Co's steamer Clan Maclean, arrived in London on the morning of the 12th instant.

The German East Africa Line steamer Sultan left Zanzibar for Bombay on the 13 h instant afternoon, via Mombassa and Goa.

The Florio and Rubattino Co's steamer Capri, left Hong kong for Bombay on the 14th instant.

DAILY EXPORTS.—Dec. 14.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

City of Karachi s—608 bales cotton Gaddum and Co ; 43 bales wool R M Kooka ; 10 cwt old copper Rustomjee Bomanjee ; 845 bales cotton 4630 cwt mowrassed Ralli Brothers

FOR LONDON.

Arabia s—12 bales hides P E Boyce and Sons
Balmoral s—160 bales he p F Bhimji 2015 cwt myrabolams and 320 cwt cot onseed W Becher , 4000 cwt castorseed E D Sassoon and Co ; 80 0 cwt castorseed and 14689 cwt cottonseed Ralli Bros 4000 cwt castorseed Ralli Bros; 5 cwt ivory K N Meanee ; 2 bundles ivory M G Mamed

FOR MARSEILLES

City of Karachi s—4000 cwt linseed Killick Nixon and Co

FOR TRIESTE,

Vindobona s—676 bales cotton Ralli Bros; 220 bales cotton Glade and Co ; 5 bales cotton Ralli Bros

FOR VENICE.

Vindobona s—308 bales cotton Ralli Bros ; 4000 cwt castorseed Leberchand Gumeshand

FOR ALEXANDRIA.

Vindobona s—50 bales twist Killick Nixon and Co

FOR DUNKIRK.

Den of Ogil s—8214 cwt linseed Ralli Bros
Balmoral s—4000 cwt castorseed Killick Nixon and Co ; 3922 cwt myrabolams W Becher ; 2070 tons manganese ore Riddle Reeve and Co ; 220 bales cotton J A Beghie and Co

FOR ANTWERP.

Birkhall s—106 bales hemp P Bhimji 4512 cwt rapeseed E D Sassoon and Co ; 2000 cwt linseed Ernst Lein and Co ; 600 bales cotton The Bombay Company ; 200 cwt kingellyseed A Blaschcek and Co ; 1000 cwt myrabolams H Nazir and Co ; 110 bales cotton The New Mofussil Co ; 200 bales cotton N Khatjas and Co

FOR KOBE.

Kt of the Thistle s—180 cwt oil cake Shroff and Co ; 180 bales cotton Tata and Co ; 108 bales cotton N Futeally and Co

FOR MOJI.

Pekin s—1400 bales cotton The Mitsin B Kaisha

FOR HONGKONG.

Ichia s—50 bales twist David Sassoon and Co ; 151 cwt chinkins and fishmaws R Dhunji and Co
Pekin s—2000 bales twist Sassoon J David and Co ; 14 cases condiments Manekji Poonjiaji and Sons
Arcadia s—1000 bales twist E D Sassoon and Co

HIGH COURT.—December 15.

Before the Hon. Mr. Justice CHANDAVARKAR.
For hearing Exceptions to the Special Commissioner's.

272-02—Edgelow G and W—Mahomed Ebrahim bin Goolam Hoosein Hamdany and others vs Haji Mahomed Ebrahim bin Haji Alaudin Jitaker and others—Crawford B and Co—Mulji and D and Captain and V.

Commercial Causes.

223-05—Mulla and M—Rustomjee Ardeshir Cooper vs Morarjee Mohanjee—Sorabjee and J Part heard,

Long Causes.

52-04—Sorabji and J—Morarji Mohanji vs Kapadia Bros—Mulla and M—Part heard

830-04—Bhaishaunker K and G—Sumsoodin Gulamhoosen and others vs Abdoolhoosein Kalumoodin and others—Payne and Co and Little and Co Parthead.

46-04—Madhavji and K—Luxman alias Lalloo Rampersad and another vs Devsey Dowjee and others Ardeser H D and Co

636-05—Matubhoy J and M—Partapchand Gulabchhand vs Hai Samrath widow Mulji and D—For postponment.

432-05—Jehangir and s Ashidbai widow vs Abdulla Haji Mahomed and others Thakurdas and Co and Captain and V

834-05—M J and H—Bai Gungabai and anothers vs The Madras United S and W Mills Co—Pestonji R and K and M and D

355 05—Matubhoy J and M—Damji Hirji vs Ruttonbai widow—Captain and V

275-8789-05—Tyabji D and P—HurgawandasHathidas vs Bapoo Bhawoo and others—Chitnis and M

830-04—Bhaishanker K and G—Sumsoodin Gulamhusain and others vs Abdool Hoosein Kalimoodin and others—Payne and Co and Little and Co—Part heard

318-16819-05—Dikshit D and S—John Michael Simon vs Adamji Peerbhoy and others—Bicknell M and R

250-02—Dikshit D and S—Kanji Bhanji vs Devram Keshavji—In person

409 04—Ardeshir H D and Co—Karshedjee Beramjee vs Ardeshir Jewanjee and another

753 04—Nadirshaw and T far pauper—Bhanibai widow vs Velice Khoda and others—K B Mehta

Before the Hon. Mr. Justice BATCHELOR.
For dismissal.

392-1417-05—Kanga and P—Mahomed Jaffer vs The Secretary of State for India in Council—E F Nicholson.

795-05—Payne and Co—Dawood Hajee Mahomed vs Jafferjee Ebrahimjee and another—Matubhai J and M.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.
Long Causes.

249-02—Pestonji R and R—Ebji Oomerley and another vs Walji Mathuradas and another—H D T D and Co Parthead.

698-05—Edgelow G and W—Haji Saboo Sidick vs Babiabai widow and another—Thakurdas and Co and Captain and T

652-04—Captain and V—Thacker Vasanji Herji vs Thacker Damodhar Madhavji and others—Payne and Co

7-349-05—Mulla and M—Haji Noor Mahomed Cassun vs Nowroji Nusserwanji and others—M J and G—S C C Suit

454-05—J and P Dustur—Phillips Co Limited vs D W Holden and others—Mirza and Co

29-04—Wadia G and Co—Percy Ferdinand Fisher vs Meghj Valabhdas and another Kanga and P.

318-05—Payne and Co—Haji Jan Mahomed Haji Oosman Chatani vs Hormusji Maneckji Mody.

22-03—Tyabji D and Co—Moroba Yadow Joshi vs Dorabji Ardeser Buxy—D and D

442-01—Captain and V—Abdoor Rehman Bhaiji vs Mahomed Yormus Haly and others—Ardeser H D and Co

151-03—Payne and Co—Kika Khusal and another vs Rustomji Ardeser Cooper—Mulla and M

561-03—Matubhoy J and M—Parikh Bhogilal—Purshotamdas vs Chunilal—Umudbhai and others D F D

383-04—Tyabji D and Co—Moosabhy Mahomed Sajan vs Yacoobhbhoy Mahomed Sajan N H and Co and J D and Co

256-05—Pestonji R and K—Dinshaw Hirjibhoy Malegaumwala vs Dosabhy Shapurji Malegaumwala—E G W and Co—K B Mehta and P R and Koll

423-05—Craigie L and O—Dadi Nusserwji Jadi vs Hirabai and others P R and K and E G and W

Before the Hon'ble Mr Justice SCOTT.
Suits for hearing and final disposall.
Long Causes.

79-054—Inperson Narayen Raghoba vs Chandrabhugabai widow—Chetnis and M.

727-05—K B Mehta—Bapulal Goculdas vs N C Macleod Inperson.

627-05—Thakurdas and Co—Purnanand Ichhalal and Co vs Monsey Versey—Kanga and P

519-05—Madhavji and K—Rupsing Mathuradas Lewji vs Lukhondas Bhimji—M J and H

80-05—D D and Soondardas Marate Mohonrao vs Ramchundra Bhawoo—K B Mehta

54-05—Payne and Co—Jewaji A Dozaji Ramanji and other vs Adamji Essuffally and others—Umwalla and and C and V

231-04—Payne and Co—John Dickinson and Co vs Essufali Adamjee—Captain and V

204-05—Bhaishankar K and G—Onkarmal Kunjlal and another vs Bijnath Narmull—Malvi H and M

Before the Prothonotary.

592-05—Thakurdas P and O—Premchand Roychand and others vs Raja Bahadoor Motilal Shiolal—Bhaishunker K and G

601-05—Captain and V—Esmalljee Oomerjee and another vs Hajee Moya Valab Balloo Meya Pathan and another—Chitnis and M

614-05—Tyabjee D and Co—Kisonram Dayaram and another vs Hiralal Ramdin and another—M R Vakil

619-05—Payne and Co—Nusserwanjee Merwanjee Panday vs The Secretary of State for India M Council E F Nicholson

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Aproximate return of traffic for week ended 2nd Dec. 1905, on 504·35 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	1,40,000	2,40,000	4,000	2,89,000
Or per mile of Railway	277	476	8	573
For previous 15 weeks of half-year	26,21,106	36,26,220	38,222	41,81,899
Total for 16 weeks.	27,64,10	38,6,6,604	42,292	44,70,899
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,54,355	2,14,917	939	3,40,633
Per mile of Ry. do.	306	423	2	675
Total to corresponding date do.	25, 2,059	26,30,331	56,705	43,63,714

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THE CARDINAL MOTH	,, Fred M. White.
SAINTS IN SOCIETY	,, M. Baillie-Saunders.
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PARTNERS OF THE TIDE	,, The author of "Cap'n Edi"
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POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Capt B C Fellows Aide-de-Camp to the Political Resident Aden granted privilege leave for ninety days with effect from the 2nd Oct.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr Manilal Harilal Vakil Second Class Subordinate Judge Vazra to be Joint Second Class Subordinate Judge Bulsar up to the end of Feb,

Mr B C H Calcraft-Kennedy I C S on return from leave to act as First Assistant and to do duty as Assistant Judge and Additional Sessions Judge Nasik pending further orders try such cases as the Sessions Judge of Nasik may make over to him for trial.

Mr Gunvantral Gulabrai Desai District Deputy Collector and Magistrate of the First Class in the district of Thana is invested with the following additional powers :—Power to require security for good behaviour. Power to make orders as to local nuisances. Power to take cognizance of offences without complaint. Power to sell property alleged or suspected to have been stolen, etc.

Mr Gurbasmal Manghirsing Registrar of the Court of Small Causes Karachi is granted privilege leave for two months and seven days from the date of the termination of the ensuing Christmas holidays with permission to prefix the Christmas holidays to his leave

Mr Tarachand Hasomal to act as Registrar of the Court of Small Causes Karachi during the absence on leave of Mr Gurbasmal Manghirsing or pending further orders.

Mr Tarachand Hasomal to be a Judge of a Court of Small Causes for the trial of suits of which the value does not exceed Rs. 20.

The following Magistrates of the Second Class in the district of Khandesh are invested with power to try cases under the Opium Act 1 of 1878 :—Mr Raghunath Narayan Alpar Mamlatdar taluka Raver. Mr Vaman Balkrishna Deshpande Mamlatdar taluka Yaval. Mr Hari Pandurang Deshmukh Mamlatdar taluka Chopda. Mr Vasudev Keshav Ku te Mamlatdar taluka Amalner. Mr Vishwanath Ganesh Kardile Mamlatdar taluka Jalgaon. Mr Dinkar Ganesh Patwardhan Mamlatdar taluka Erandol. Mr Jaivant Ranji Gaikwad Mamlatdar taluka Chalisgaon. Mr Purushottam Sakharam Bhatye Mamlatdar taluka Pimpalner. Mr Narayan Sakharam Kale Mamlatdar taluka Pachora. Mr Vinayak Ramc andra Sane Mamlatdar taluka Sindkheda. Mr Vinayak Vishna Apte Acting Mamlatdar taluka Shirpur.

Lieut S S W Paddon 6th Jacob's Horse to be Cantonment Magistrate at Jacobabad in addit on to his Military duties.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

The undermentioned officers passed the Higher Standard Departmental Examination held from 20th to 30th September and on 16th November.

Passed in Part I and II—Mr R G Gordon I C S, Mr J H Garrett I C S, Mr W Greer I C S, Mr M Webb I C S and Mr G Wiles I C S.

Messrs Gordon and Wiles passed an examination in Gujarat Messrs Garrett and Greer an examination in Marathi and Mr Webb an examination in Kanarese.

Mr L Graham I C S has now completely passed the Higher Standard Departmental Examination.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m., yetterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Plague Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	1	0	2
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	1	0	23
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	0	0	18
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahaluxmi	0	0	2
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	0	0	22
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	0	0	5
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	8
Water Division	0	0	0
North-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	10
Total	2	0	90
Total plague deaths to date	304,816	223,328	
Same date last year	17	17	11 9

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, Dec. 13.

SECURITIES—

2 1-2 per cent. Consols	89 1-2	=	— 1-16
3 do. Rentes	103 [illegible]	=	+ 1-4
3 1-2 do. Indian Sterling Loan	105	=	unchanged
3 1-2 per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	85 13-16	=	— 1-16

SILVER—

Spot in London	30 1-8	=	— 1-8
2 months hence	29 7-16	=	— 1-16
Spot in New York	65 1-4	=	— 1-8

EXCHANGES—

Paris cheques	25·10	=	unchanged
Berlin "	20·37 3-4	=	do
New York Demand	4·26	=	+ 1-4

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	4	per cent =	unchanged
3 months sight Bank Bills	3 3-8	per cent =	do
6 " " " Fine Trade Bills	3 1-8	per cent =	do
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills	3 3-4	per cent =	do
	3 7-8	per cent =	do

INTEREST—

Day to day loans	1 1-4	per cent =	do
7 day marked loans	2	per cent =	do

At the Periodical biddings for Council Bills for Rs. 80,00,000

Rs. 11·99	were allotted to	Calcutta
Rs. 4·60	do	Bombay
Rs. 3·10	do	Madras

Rs. 19·40 at Is 4 1/16d.
Minimum rate received 12 per cent, average rate 18·06
Telegraphic Transfers—

Rs. 5·00	were allotted to	Calcutta.
Rs. 5·10	do	Bombay
Rs. 2·50	do	Madras

Rs. 60·60 at Is. 4 3/32d.
Minimum rate received 12 per cent, average rate 16·59
Total amount sold during the week, Rs. 1,00,60,000
Amount to be allotted next week, Rs. 1,00,00,000
Extra allotments. Transfers on Bombay, Rs. 9,40,000 at Is 4 5-32d.
Extra allotments. Transfer on Madras, Rs. 3,00,000 at Is 4 5-32d.

TALLOW.

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RAPESEED—
Brown 39 1-2 April-May sellers

LINSEED—
Linseed Sold 42 1-2 + 1-8 Dec.-Jan done

COFFEE—
Coffee in New York 7 7-8

ARRIVALS—
Steamers—Istria, Wharfedale and Salazie.

In Liverpool.—Cotton Market closed quiet. East Indian quiet. Manchester easier, Total Sales 8,000. Spot 6·17 plus 11. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 8 1-4. Sold on speculation and for Export 1,000. Imports 18,000. Futures closed quiet.

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.
6·11 + 12	6·15 + 12	6·19 + 12
Mar.-Apl.	**Apl.-May**	**May-June**
6·24 + 12	6·27 + 12	6·30 + 13
June-July	**July-Aug**	**Aug.-Sep**
6·32 + 12	6·33 + 12	6·25 + 12

Receipts at U S Ports	84,000
Do last year	48,000
Exports to Great Britain	44,000
Do. do Continent	25,000

IN NEW YORK—

Spot	12·00 +20	a
Futures, month of Dec	11·50 +37	
Do. do. March	11·91 +36	

a Advanced owing to firm cables and to buying encouraged by firmness New Orleans.

IN NEW ORLEANS—

Spot	11 7-8 + 3-16	
Futures, month of March	12·15 + 35	
Do. do. June	12·38 + 35	
Tone at close	steady.	

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay for the 24 hours, ending at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 13th Dec. 1905 :—

Cotton	5,507 bales.
Wheat	16,237 cwts.
Linseed	844 do
Rape, Rai and Mustard	942 do
Gingellyseed	10,178 do
Poppyseed	15 do
Groundnut	35 do
Castorseed	2,518 do
Rice	5,809 do
Myrabolams	2,320 do
Cottonseed	30,484 do
Mowrassed	1,640 do
Gram	2,045 do
Jowar	679 do
Maize	8 do

BOMBAY, Dec. 14.

EXCHANGE.—Tone steady.

Bank T. T.			...	1s. 4 1-16d.
Bank Demand			...	1s 4 3-32d.
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D. A.				1s. 4 5-16d.
Do. 6	do.	do.	...	1s. 4 7-16d.
French Francs 3	do.	do.	...	170 3-4
Marcks 3	do.	do.	...	139 1-2
Hongkong 30	Days	Sight	...	147
Shanghai 30		do.	...	207
Japan 30		do.	...	150 1-2

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—3 1/2 per cent. Tone steady.

Cash	98'1
1st Settlement, 4th January	97'15

Money Market, Tone firm.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England	since 28th Sept.	4	per cent.
Bank of Bombay	do. 14th	Dec. 7	do.
Bank of Bengal	do. 14th	7	do.
Bank of Madras	do. 10th	July 4	do.

SEEDS,

LINSEED—Tone firm,

	Rs.	a.	p.
Ready	7	2	6
Forward December	7	3	0

RAPESEED,—Tone steady.

Brown Cawnpore Ready	6	14	0
Yellow Guzerat, Ready	7	7	0

POPPYSEED—Tone firm,

Ready buyers	8	6	0

CASTORSEED—Tone firm,

Ready	31	0	0

GINGELLYSEED—Tone firm,

Howree Khandeish	43		
15 per cent Mixed	42	1-2	

WHEAT—Tone steady.

White Delhi ready	5	3	0

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone	steady.
Estimated sales	8,000 Bales
Imports	1,000 "

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.
6·16 +5	6·20 +5	6·24 +5
Mar.-April	**April-May**	**May-June.**
6·29 +5	6·33 +5	6·35 +5
June-July	**July.-Aug**	**Aug.-Sept.**
6·37 +7	6·38 +5	6·30 +5

COTTON.—The local market is quiet but steady. Quotations are about Rs. 3 higher, and there is a good enquiry for ready, and only moderate for forward delivery.

Closing " Sutta" quotations are as follows :—

Bengals Fully Good January .....Rs. 198
Broach M.-G. Good March..... " 254

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association Limited :—

	Fine.	F.-G.	Good.	Dely.
Bengal, H. G. (Ry. terms)	...204	195 ...		25th Dec
Bengal (M.-G.) Ry. terms	...210	200 ...		25th Dec
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.)	...	...212	202 ...	25th Dec
Oomrawutte (descriptions)	M.-G. 221	215 ...		25th Jan
Khandesh, (M.-G.)	...	...	212 ...	25th Jan
Khamgaum, fair staple (M.-G.)				
Karanja do.	(M.-G.)	222	216 ...	25th Jan
Akola do.	(M.-G.)			
Oomra, good staple (M.-G.)	...	230	224 ...	,, ,,
Dhamangaum Poolgaum (M.-G.)	...	229	223 ...	,, ,,
Nagpur Kamptee (M.-G.)	...	234	228 ...	,, ,,
Broach (M.-G.)	...	...	270 ...	254 25th Mar.
Littla (M. G.)	...	...	220 ...	... Jan-Feb

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The Bank has this day raised its rate for Demand Loans on the security of Government paper to seven per centum per annum. Rates for other business are subject to arrangement.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, DEC. 13.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed	quiet
Sarals	quiet
Good Bhownuggar	...
The Manchester Market has been	easier
2 1/2 per cent Consols	89 1-2
2 per cent Rentes	100
3 1/2 per cent Sterling Loan	105
3 1/2 per cent Rupee Papers	65 13-16
Bar Silver	30 1-8

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EUROPE.

DEATH.

DALDY—December 11, at Bournemouth Grace Daldy (nee Mallandaine) the very de rly loved wife of Captain A W Daldy, I A, aged 23. (By cable).

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MARRIAGE.

FARWELL—MACLAREN—December 14, at Bombay, at the United Free Church of Scotland, by the Rev Alexander S Crichton, M A, Captain Charles Bowers Farwell, Royal Engineers, second son of William Farwell of Sherbrooke Quebec Canada, to Margaret Maclaren (Peggy) daughter of William Maclaren of Glasgow.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

BAGSHAWE—December 5, at Rawal Pindi, the wife of Captain F W Bagshawe Indian Army, of a son.
PARKER—December 6, at Meerut, the wife of G Clement Parker of a son.

DEATH.

WILSON—December 6, at Durbhungah, Sarah Susan, daughter of the late Surgeon-General Brown H E I C S. and widow of the late James Wilson, of Keomtowl Factory, Tirhoot, aged 82.

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P. and O. & s. Peninsular, with English mails of 1st inst., due to arrive a noon.
Meeting of the University Senate 5-15 p. m.
Prize distribution Cathedral High Schools, Town Hall, 4-30 p. m.
Meeting of the Central Committee Bombay Diocesan Church Society, Cathedral, 5-30 p. m.
Abell's Circus, Esplanade.

POLICE NOTICE.—A bitch has been taken charge of by Mr. Rustomji Jijibhoy residing at Mazagaon Castle and awaits an owner.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Singapore, China and Japan per s. s. Ischia will be closed at the General Post Office at 8 a. m to-morrow,

ACCIDENT IN THE DOCKS.—Durgibai a Hindu, girl, aged 11, was on Wednesday evening descending from the second to the third deck of the s. s. " Balmoral," now lying in the Prince's Dock when she lost her footing and fell from the ladder. She was picked up unconscious and removed to the G. T. Hospital, where it was ascertained that her skull was fractured

HAWKING IN PROHIBITED AREA.—Haji Alarakhia, a Mahomedan hawker was fined by Mr. Kemp, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Rs. 15 for hawking his wares in the prohibited parts of the city and for being unruly at the police chawkey. Sub-Inspector Shaw prosecuted, His Worship said he would make an example of this case as this kind of offence had a tendency towards becoming very common.

THE AKBAR MANUFACTRING AND PRESS Co., Ltd.—An extra-ordinary general meeting, of the shareholders of this Company, was held yesterday afternoon, in its registered office in Forbes Street, Fort, Mr. M.C. Dhuramsey presiding. Resolutions concerning the change in the articles of Association, which have already been advertised and freely circulated to the shareholders, were put to note and were carried by a majority of 11 to 8, by show of hands. Five of the shareholders demanded a poll, and Tuesday next was fixed for the same.

MONOTYPE MACHINES.—Mr. G. J. A. Skeen, the Government Printer at Colombo, has received the sanction of the Government of Ceylon to purchase a further installation of five more Lanston Monotype machines. This is the third order he has placed this year for these machines after his visit to the Government Monotype Press at Simla last January, where he was enabled to satisfy himself of the many advantages to be secured by using them for Government work, in addition to their economical value. A cable has been sent to ensure their delivery at the beginning of the New Year.

THANKS.—Dr. J. J. Velloz of the Medical Hall Nagpur, thanks very much and most gratefully to the Rev, Vicar and his amiable assistants and all the clergy under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Damaun for assisting in celebrating the National Feast of the Great Apostle St. Francis Xavier in the National Church of Dabul, on the 4th instant preceded by Novenas and Saves from Friday the 24th November to the 4th December 1905, and more so to the Vicar-General Very Rev. Pera, who preached on the day of the feast with great eloquence and kept the audience spell bound. The Major Domo of the feast was the eldest son of Dr. J. J. Velloz, Joseph Velloz, during the Mass souvenir cards with the Saint's picture were freely distributed amongst the members of the Congregation. Everything was arranged so well by the Vicar, Very Rev. Fr J. N. Coutinho and his assistant Rev. Fr F.A. D'Souza, that a general satisfaction was hailed in all directions The Doctor likewise thanked the various confraternities that took part and the rendered splendour to the occasion.—Advt.

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NOTICE.

LETTERS, PARCELS, and TELEGRAMS for HIS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR, J. H. DuBOULAY Esq. Private Secretary, Lieut Colonel R. OWEN Military Secretary, Major M. T. YARR, Medical Officer, Captain J. G. GREIG, A. D. C., which cannot be delivered at Government House, Bombay by 7 a. m., on 16th December, 1905. should be addressed "GOVERNOR'S CAMP" without the addition of any Post Town until 4th January, 1906, when they should be addressed to GOVERNMENT HOUSE BOMBAY.

J. H. DuBOULAY,
Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay.

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The Bombay Gazette

FRIDAY, DEC. 15, 1905.

MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN.

NOTWITHSTANDING the recent outbreak, wherein several Christian churches and preaching places were destroyed, Missionary Societies had the assurance of Baron Suyematsu that whether, henceforth, they will be interfered with depends entirely upon themselves. He says, in a long letter to the "Times" that the true nature of those unfortunate incidents has now been fully comprehended on all sides. An Evangelical Alliance was appointed to investigate the subject, Bishop Harris presiding, and it is now declared that they discovered no anterior concerted action for the outrages, such simply being aroused by the action of the police in preventing the big mass meeting which was to have been held in the Hibiya while there was admittedly a temporary feeling among the rioters towards foreign things and institutions, the fact that the mob respected the persons of Christian pastors and offered no violence to foreigners in the city is accepted as evidence that this feeling was not instigated by hatred of foreigners or of the Christian religion. But much as we should like to believe that the missionaries have offered no provocation, we find, as we feared, that their own lack of discretion was partly responsible. It is a thousand pities that missionaries as a rule are so little men of the world that they frequently put stumbling blocks in their own path and going out of their way to defend their own people, stir up enmity among those it is to their interest to remain on friendly terms. Such has been the experience in China as well as in Darkest Africa and the South Sea Islands. In the Japanese incident, though no foreign missionary seemed to have taken an active part, the fault lay with the tactless proceedings of their followers as much as with the high-handedness of the police. The report shows that "the preaching of the young men from the Gospel Band at this time of intense excitement was the occasion of this outburst of feeling against these places of Christian worship and not the direct cause. It is unfortunate that preaching was carried on in the Asakusa park, one of the strongest Buddhist sections of the city at this time." No more unwise proceeding could be imagined, and we are not surprised that Baron Suyematsu remarks that the occasional—he will not say frequent—indiscretion of the missionaries is greatly deplored by thoughtful persons in Japan and there is urgent necessity for taking the subject into calm and dispassionate consideration.

The Baron does not deny that there are many missionaries who comprehend the needs of the situation and manifest a readiness to abide thereby, but he is afraid there are many who do not and never will. He gives instances of what he means—the acts of men whose enthusiasm carries them beyond the bounds of common civility or even common honesty. While Baron Suyematsu was spending a summer at his villa at Karuizama, a great resort of the missionaries in the hot season, he discovered one morning that two young men, foreigners, had invaded his garden and were busy cutting down green branches of his favorite trees. On his demanding an explanation they replied that the branches were for the House of God. They were not sorry or ashamed when he charged them with taking what did not belong to them, but were most arrogant in tone and mauner. He gave them the branches they had cut off, but warned them that they should exercise more care in future; for, had they done the same thing in the private grounds of a less complacent person they might have got into serious trouble. "If it be the practice, whether in word or deed," writes Baron Suyematsu, "for missionaries to trample on the private rights or feelings of those whom they may go among, no matter on what plea, they act very unwisely, though they may be persons of the highest intelligence and actuated by the best possible intentions." Indeed, actions such as this may lead to the expulsion of the missionaries from Japan in precisely the same way that the Portuguese and Spanish missions, which undertook to spread the Christian faith there three hundred years ago, and we agree that no fair-minded man will cast blame upon Japan for taking steps to avoid the dissemination of doctrines which may prove to be subversive of order.

Many missionaries exercise the utmost discretion and strive to influence others. They have a promising field before them in Japan if they will but cultivate it carefully. But we fear that, for sometime at all events, they will find it difficult, owing to the ill-advised criticism of the Japanese for which the Rev. Julius Soper is responsible. He declares that the humanity of the Japanese is only a thin veneer; scratch a Japanese and you will reveal the savage; that the readiness to kill others or themselves contains in the case of the Japanese a large romantic and theatrical element, whereas more savagery is often, though not always, absent, does not improve its moral aspect or the estimate of it in the eyes of foreigners, for when not savage it is generally silly or weak as well as wicked. Yet Bishop Harris considers a man who will employ irritating phraseology of this kind is a tactful and discreet leader of missionary undertakings. Bishop Ridley might have been expected to take up a conciliatory attitude, but he camly observes that "indiscretions everywhere are so common that it would be nearly a miracle for any class of men always to escape them. Hence wise men are neither surprised nor pained by such missionary indiscretions as are described." He sneers at the tree-lopping incident, also at the Baron, whose influence it would have been to his interest to secure. But the Japanese hold the key to the position and if missionaries continue to be aggressive and to show scant respect to their hosts we cannot be surprised if they resent it or even retaliate. Unfortunately the missionaries assume that because they have secured converts and educated the youth in their schools, they are entitled to the gratitude of all Japan. It may be that no other set of foreigners has contributed more to the educatiou and moral advance of Japan, but it is not quite Christian-like to tell them so, or, indeed, to let the left hand know what the right doeth.

THE VALUE OF INDIAN FORESTS.

THERE is much that is commendable in the action of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce in approaching Government with a view to obtaining proper cultivation and exploitation of the forest products of India. The letter which has been addressed by the Chamber has been well thought out and lays the case clearly. Even if we cannot agree that the matter is not one for private enterprise, we fully agree that it is one which may profitably be taken up officially to the ultimate benefit of both revenue and the general population. That the large amount of capital necessary to start enterprises is a bar to the work being carried out privately is difficult to understand. Other countries of even more tropical growth owe their trade solely to private enterprise. The timber trade of West Africa and the northern parts of South America are entirely without State aid. Wisely the Chamber has contented itself with enumerating only a few of the most important forest products which, as given, are rubber and camphor. There are mentioned, in addition, several other points, equally important, but less calculated to appeal to the popular mind. One of these is the suggested introduction of the nitro-culture which has had such a beneficial effect on leguminous crops in America. That it is possible to grow rubber in this country and to obtain good returns has been conclusively proved, and there seems no reason whatever why there should be any obstacle in the way of starting experimental farms and plantations for the purpose on a large scale along the Western Ghats and in the tableland of the Presidency. The whole world is interested in rubber to-day, to an extent almost unknown in any other product of a similar nature. Plantations have been started in every part of the globe, and Bombay may as well enter the arena and strike out for a good place. The question whether or no there will ever be invented a really satisfactory synthetic rubber does not need consideratio n in deciding to start such plantations as are advocated by the Chamber of Commerce. Everything, with the exception of the philoso pher's stone, seems capable of invention and manufacture. but it is certain that no ma tter what substi tutes may be put on the market, there will always be a steady demand for genuine rubber of good quality. Of the most common classes of rubber trees in India, four are found wild in the Western Ghats and in the Deccan, while the fifth, an Assam variety, has been tested and grows well in Belgaum, Malabar and other parts of Southern India.

There are altogether fifteen varieties of gutta-percha in India, but only four are actual natives of the country. Of the many foreign varieties there are four which give distinct promise of success under proper cultivation. The most important for consideration is the Para rubber tree of which Sir Dietrich Brandis late Director-General of Forests in India wrote: "We may conclude that Kanara, Malabar and Travancore offer the desired conditions as regards temperature for the successful cultivation of this caout-chouc yielding species of Hevea. I would specially draw the attention of Forest Officers in this respect to the moist evergreen forests at the foot of the Coorg Ghat and in Kanara." This shows that the question of rubber cultivation in the Bombay Presidency and along the Western Ghats has already received the attention of the Government of India, but the figures of the distribution of the cultivation collected by the Chamber of Commerce show that little or nothing has been done. The area, in Ceylon, devoted to rubber, at the middle of this year, was 39,140 acres. The next largest area is the thirty thousand acres in the Malay Peninsula, which will in the near future increase with such rapidity, especially along the country between Penang, Perak, Selangor and Malacca, that this will soon become the finest rubber field in the world. That India and Burma together should only equal the 5,000 acres of Java is matter enough to show that enormous possibilities have been neglected not only by the State, but by private enterprise. In dealing with camphor the Chamber is on more delicate ground, but there is sufficient evidence collected to show that the camphor tree can flourish in this country to an extent that justifies the suggestion that, as the damper parts are available for rubber so should the higher parts of the Ghats be tested with plantations of the China laurel. We sincerely hope that Government may take definite action in the matter. The comparative statistics of the value of rubber and general forest cultivation, which appear in the Chamber's letter in another column, alone demand official attention, while many of the other points raised for the consideration of Government, if the surmises and deductions are correct, give great promise of a betterment of the commercial value of the Presidency.

THE ZAMBESI POWER SCHEME.

THE circumstances that have brought the Victoria Falls power scheme into the realm of practical politics are fully explained in the November issue of "South Africa" by Mr. H. Wilson Fox. As the British South Africa Company's representative on the Board of the African Concessions Syndicate—which holds the power rights of the Falls—Mr. Wilson Fox has had the scheme under his personal investigation since February last. It is the great development of the continuous current system that makes the scheme now commercially feasible. At the comparatively low voltage to which the alternating current system is limited in long distance transmission, the enterprise would be killed by the capital cost of the large and expensive transmission cable required, the best route to the Rand running to no less than 700 miles. The Syndicate's American and Continental advisers are now all agreed that continuous current may be safely adopted for the main transmission plant, and alternating current confined to the secondary distributing system. Mr. Wilson Fox says they would be prepared on a delivery of 20,000 h. p. Recent investigations at the Falls discredit the view that the flow is insufficient. After the driest season on record, in September of this year, the water was available at the Falls for 500,000 h. p. One-third of this power would suffice for the whole of the requirements of the Rand mines for years to come.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor will leave Bombay on his tour down the Coast by the R. I. M. S. Dufferin from the Apollo Bunder at 8-30 a. m., to-day. The departure will be private. A salute of 17 guns will be fired from the Colaba North Battery at 8-30 a. m. to announce the departure of his Excellency.

THE Bank of Bombay yesterday raised its rate of interest on demand loans on Government Paper to 7 per cent.

HIS HONOUR SIR JAMES Digges La Touche has arrived at Agra to complete the arrangements for the Royal visit there.

THE P. and O. Company's s. s. Persia with the outward Mails of the 8th instant, left Suez at 3-30 a. m. on Decemder 14.

THE P. and O. Company's s. s. Mooltan with the homeward Mails of the 9th instant, arrived at Aden 10-30 p. m. on December 13.

THE Nawab of Bhawalpore, with a number of followers, arrived in Bombay last evening, and is putting up at Watson's Hotel.

THE announcement is made in the "Government Gazette" that all public offices will be closed from Saturday December 23 to Tuesday January 2.

ON Monday next before the ceremony of unveiling the Victoria Memorial Statue at Agra, the Prince and Princess of Wales will lunch with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, of which regiment his Royal Highness is Colonel-in-Chief.

RECENTLY the skies have been clouding over more and more, and as a depression has entered Baluchistan from Persia where the weather is disturbed there is hope of rain. It is urgently required everywhere and seasonable showers will do immense good.

AT a meeting of the Punjab Legislative Council to be held on Saturday, the 23rd instant, Sir Lewis Tupper will introduce a Bill to regulate the use of motor vehicles in the Punjab, and move that it be referred to a select committee consisting of the Hon'ble Sir David Masson, Mr. Finney and the mover. Mr. Gordon Walker will move that the Bill to amend certain provisions of the Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887, be referred to a select committee consisting of Mr. Doxie, Mr. Shah Din and the mover.

NOTICE is issued that no tickets to travel by railway to the stations of Truverumbur Trichinopoly, junction. Trichi Palakarai, Trichinopoly Fort, Murungappettai, Elamanur and Perugamani on the South Indian Railway shall be sold from the 16th December to the 16th January, (both days inclusive) within the Bombay Presidency, the Mysore State, and the city of Calcutta and the district of Howrah in Bengal to any person intending or believed to be intending to proceed to the Vaikunta Ekadasi festival at Srirangam.

THE Noakhali-Bengal Railway Co., Ld., is to be purchased by the Secretary of State for the sum of £115,000, and the Directors of the company have been authorised by the shareholders to complete the necessary arrangements for handing over the line to the Government. This railway was constructed in 1902-03; and was fully opened in November 1903 It is worked by the Assam-Bengal Railway for a fixed percentage of the gross receipts. Up to the present the traffic has been small, but as it passes through one of the most populous districts in Eastern Bengal, there is not much doubt that it will some day pay its way. The company's share capital is £130,000.

QUESTIONS of a "dress" may shortly cease to be the sole monopoly for conversation of the fair sex and military officer. The Policeman in India is apparently to have his turn with the engaging topic, for the Local Governments are already considering proposals for "dressing" the gazetted ranks of the whole force alike in new pattern uniforms. The question of uniform is, of course, but part of the larger scheme for breaking down Provincial barriers and creating a single Police force for the country; but that is by the way. For the moment the prospect of donning "Blue" on "State" occasions—a colour much favoured because universally regarded as becoming to the Policeman in all parts of the world—will doubtless be cheering to those officers who of late years have had to content themselves with the unimpressive drab.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending 12th Dec. was 633, giving a death-rate of 39·73 per annum per thousand as against 46·43 the corresponding period of last year, and 46·62, the average over the past five years. Of the total number 50 died from fevers; 15, plague; 3, measles; 1, cholera; 2, leprosy; 46, phthisis; 38, diseases of the nervous system; 176, affections of the respiratory organs; 42, diarrhœa; 16, dysentery; 40, still-born; 97 old age and debility; 11, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows:—Jain, 18; Brahmin, 2; Bhattia, 4; Hindu of other caste, 278; Hindu low caste, 75; Musalman, 136; Parsee, 27; Jew, 4; Native Christian, 27; Eurasian, 2; European, 4; and other and unknown castes, 1. The total number of births was 541 as against 458, the corresponding period of last year; and 369 the average over the past five years.

MARSEILLES is in the throes of an exciting scandal, which affects both its university and its municipal lief. The professor of rhetoric in the university, M. Pietri, who is also a leading member of the City Council and deputy mayor, has just been detected in venality of the most squalid description. Notwithstanding his academic dignity and his public position, he had so far demeaned himself as to sell to students of his class, the text of the four Greek passages from which the Greek paper was to be selected at the bachelorship examination of the University of Aix-en-Provence. What penal or disciplinary measures will follow has not yet been decided, but M. Pietri has already been deprived of all his offices.

NEW BOOKS AND NEW EDITIONS.

ENGLISH HOURS, by Henry James Illustrated by Joseph Pennell. (William Heinemann.) This collection of papers gathered from various periodicals and dates appeared previously in a volume entitled "Portraits of Places." This new edition has the advantage of Mr. Pennell's illustrations, and is much enhanced thereby. Some of the papers date as far back as 1872. They and the later "hours" have a restful charm about their leisurely contemplation of the beautiful in English scenes. Of the great choir window in Lichfield Cathedral Henry James says:

"It is the noblest glass-work before the spell of which one's soul has become simple, I remember nowhere colours so chaste and grave, and yet so rich and true or a cluster of designs so piously decorated and yet so vivified Such a window as this se ms to me the most sacred ornament of a great church; to be, not like vault and screen and altar, the dim contingent promise to the spirit, but the very redemption of the whole.

Here is this delicate critic's ecstasy over the Devonshire lanes as true to-day as when it was written:—

"Before we fairly crossed the border I had begun to look impatiently across the border for the veritable landscape in water-colours. Devonshire meets you promptly in all its purity, for in the course of ten minutes you have been able to glance down the green vista of a dozen Devonshire lanes. On huge embankments of moss and turf, smothered in wild flowers, and embroidered with the finest lace-work of sprailing ground-ivy, rise solid walls of flowering thorn and glistening holly and golden broom, and more strong homely shrubs than I can name, and toss their blooming tangle to a sky which seems to look down between them, in places, from but a dozen inches of blue. They are oversown with lovely little flowers with names as delicate as their petals of gold and silver and azure—birds-eye, king's-finger and wandering-sailor—and their soil a superb dark red, turns in spots so nearly to crimson that you almost fancy it some fantastic compound purchased at the chemist's, and scattered there for ornament. The mingled reflection of this rich-hued earth and the dim green light, which filters through the hedge is a masterpiece of produced beauty.

Henry James's description of an English Easter in London is as depressingly true as it is skilfully set forth. In his Easter he included Good Friday and Easter Monday, and found much to justify his opinion of the "ugly, dusky and dreary" appearance of London during the interval. He thought

"It is is not too much to say that two-thirds of the London faces, as the streets present them, bear in some degree or other the traces of alcoholic action."

But more generally the writer's attitude is that of ungrudging admiration of what he wondered round to see. Of the Universities he says many things. On visiting Cambridge he writes:—

If Oxford were not the finest thing in England the case would be clearer for Cambridge. It was clear enough there, for that matter, to my imagination, for thirty-six hours. To the barbaric mind, ambitious of culture. Oxford is the usual image of the happy reconciliation between research and acceptance. It typifies to an American the union of science and sense—of aspiration and ease. A German University gives a greater impression of science, and an English country-house or an Italian villa a greater impression of idle enjoyment; but in these cases, on one side, knowledge is too rugged and on the other satisfaction is too trivial. Oxford lends sweetness to labour and dignity to leisure. When I say Oxford, I mean Cambridge, for a stray savage is not the least obliged to know the difference, and it suddenly strikes me as being both very pedantic and very good-natured in him to pretend to know it."

And a full appreciation of Cambridge follows Oxford having been dealt with in a previous paper. To any one looking about for a book to delight a friend with at Christmas, we recommend this charming volume. Letterpress and pictures are well allied.

From a Glasgow firm (David Bryce and Son) comes a pretty volume of verses with the Welsh title LLEWELLYN, by Alfred Sassoon. The poems are on all sorts of subjects and in many metres. Llewellyn runs to twenty-five cantos. The two last celebrate the death of the wizard who foretold that,

"As long is Mighty England Free
So long a Prince of Wales will be."
The final verse runs
"My subjects, rise," the Chieftain said
A proud, commanding gesture made,
With grateful eyes he upward gazed,
And inwardly his Maker praised.
His breast was freed from doubt and fear.
The wizard's words his heart did cheer:
Their hidden meaning he divined
According to his wish and mind,
"I little care if I be slain
So long o'er Wales a Prince will reign,"

was the unselfish thought of Llewellyn. This quotation gives a very fair idea of the general level of the verses. "I Would I Were a Drop of Dew" is the best of the shorter songs.

I would I were a drop of dew,
Born in a flower's breast so fair?
For then my hours were sweet though few.
Without a single thought or care.

And I would lay my dreamy head
Upon a petal smooth and frail,
Woven with nature's softest thread,
Of hues so beautifully pale.

Its fragrance on my cheek would play,
And with its light caresses thrill,
And with its sweetness, born of May,
My ravished soul and senses fill.

Then zephyrs gentle with their breath,
Would rock me in my home to sleep,
And I should die a painless death
Beneath the sun's rays, at morning peep.

It must be a pleasure to men to express their throughts in verse, even if the heights of poetry are not reached, hence so many daintily bound volumes of sonnets and more ambitious blank verse. This prosaic age has produced few whose work it is a delight to read, and the critic has a hard task in discerning the values of the rhymes.

FRENCH NAN by Agnes and Egerton Castle (Macmillan and Co.). This is a lively story of married folk in the day of powder and patches, of lace ruffles and slashed sleeves, high play, and merry meetings. Lady Anne Day, brought up in France and married off quickly to Squire Philip Day, who worships her, finds English country life dull, though her adoring husband showers gifts of every kind on her and denied her nothing but a house in town. This he refused because he wanted his little wife at home and not gadding about the gay world. But Nan grew restive and rebelled. Philip gave her her head and a giddy one it was. The method he pursued for bringing her to his side again, as a gentle amenable wife was a risky one, but this working out of the scheme and French Nan's numerous hair-breadth escapes make a very amusing and entertaining little comedy. The Incomparable Bellairs figures again in the story and all the characters play their parts well. Philip wins his way, but not without a struggle and a storm or two.

A SON OF THE SEA by Frank T. Bullen, F.R.G.S. (George Bell and Son). This is a famous story for boys, full of adventures of the most thrilling kind and of every variety that can befal sea-farers. Jemmy, the hero, is a poor orphan waif who meets with the kind mate of a vessel when he was at his wits end as to how to keep life in his starved little body. Shipping away with Mr. Burney, he was as happy as a sea-lark, but of course there were dangers on the ocean, that did not fail to come Jemmy's way, and he and his best friend found themselves buffeted by the most adverse winds and waves. The boy's childhood and youth are spent on ship-board, sometimes happy, sometimes the reverse, but he grows up a very fine man, and does not lose sight of the friend of his youth. Boys cannot complain of a dull page in this book. Nor can they set Jemmy down as a prig, but as a fine manly little chap, all the sturdier for the hard days he had to live through.

Bell's miniature series of Great Writers is coming out in a leisurely manner. CHARLES LAMB AND HORACE are the latest we have seen. Walter Jerrold is responsible for this short life of Lamb. He gives besides a list of his principal writings, a special paper on The Essays of Elia, on his style and a chronological list of Lamb's works. There are four illustrations, two of them portraits, to this little shilling volume. The Rev. W. Tuckwell, has written the life of Horace and the appreciation of his various works. There are eight excellent illustrations taken from ancient bronze medallions or busts. These small cheap volumes of the Great Writers are by no means complete yet. There are many others to come.

THE SITUATION IN RUSSIA.

REFORM PROMISES AND MILITARY GUARDS.

SUBSTITUTE FOR MARTIAL LAW.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, DEC. 14.

In view of the situation in the Baltic provinces the Tsar has appointed a special Governor-General and has directed a Commission elected from the nobility, municipalities and peasants to assist him in introducing reforms, but as the revolutionary Congress is arranging for the removal of officials and the establishment of an elective administration, twelve thousand Cossacks have also been despatched there.

The Governors of the Russian Provinces and districts, where hitherto martial law has not been enforced, have now been invested with practically dictatorial powers for three months.

Two of the largest Moscow tea firms have failed.

THE "ASSISTANCE" COURT MARTIAL.

Efficiency in the Navy.

LONDON, DEC. 13.

The Admiralty Minute, already referred to, also regrets that Admiral May selected an unsafe berth for the "Assistance."

The newspapers, while regretting the punishment of meritorious officers, commend unanimously the decisions of the Admiralty in view of the extreme necessity of up-holding the discipline and efficiency of the Navy.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN LONDON.

No Liberal Promise.

Some thousand of the unemployed gathered on the Thames Embankment to-day and went in procession to Hyde Park and passed Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman's house. A delegation interviewed the Premier, who said he keenly sympathised with them, but was unable to reply until he had consulted his colleagues.

Mr. John Burns concurred in this.

JOHN REDMOND AT BELFAST.

Position of Protestants under Home Rule.

LONDON, DEC. 14.

Mr. John Redmond, speaking at Belfast, appealed to the whole of Ireland to send a United Party to Parliament. Protestants, he said, might dismiss the fear of being subjected to the religious disabilities if Home Rule was granted. The Nationalists were willing to agree to any safeguard Protestants demanded regarding the same.

THE UNIONIST FREE FOODERS.

Join the Liberals.

The Unionist free fooders have decli ned an alliance with the Liberals

AFFAIRS IN CHINA.

A "Times" telegram from Shanghai says that the Taotai refuses to re-open the Court unless the Assessor is removed.

The Chinese Government will insist on increased authority in the settlement.

ENGLAND AND GERMANY.

LONDON, DEC. 13.

The Reichstag has agreed to the extension of the provisional commercial arrangement with Great Britain.

IMMIGRATION IN AUSTRALIA.

The Commonwealth Senate has passed the Immigration Bill.

THE WHITE NILE NAVIGATION.

Belgian Forces at Fault.

LONDON, DEC. 14.

The reason of the Sudan Government prohibiting vessels from passing the bar of the White Nile is because the Congo forces have occupied and refused to withdraw from certain disputed territory.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, DEC. 13

The death is announced of General Robert Younghusband.

DEATH OF A POONA RESIDENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, DEC. 14.

The death is announced of Mr. John Christopher Graham, an old and respected resident of Poona. Deceased came out to India at the end of the year 1858, when the Mutiny was dying down. He then belonged to the Field Artillery in the East India Company's Service. He was stationed at Aden for three or four years, after which he was transferred to Bombay, and later he was again transferred to Quetta. He next joined the Ordnance Department, in which he remained for some years, retiring on pension many years ago, since which, with a brief interval in Madras, he lived in Poona.

Deceased for many years was an active member of the Poona Cantonment Committee, and was greatly respected among the old residents of Poona, a goodly number of whom were present at his funeral, which took place at S. Sepulchre's Cemetery yesterday evening.

THE special train, which has been built by the East Indian Railway for the use of the Prince of Wales on his travels all over India, is equipped with Stone's system of Electric Lighting and ventilating.

THE ROYAL TOUR.

SIGHT-SEEING AT DELHI.

VISIT TO THE KUTAB MINAR.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

DELHI, DEC. 14.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales devoted to-day to a visit to the Kutab Minar. They made the excursion by a motor-car visiting Humayun's tomb on the way out. The roads had been carefully repaired, and the Elgin road, leading out to Indraput, the ancient city, which was passed en route, was lined by troops.

Their Royal Highnesses left Circuit House, after ten o'clock, lunched at the Kutab, and returned in the evening, visiting Safdar Jang's tomb on the return journey.

COMING ROYAL HONOURS FOR CALCUTTA

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 14.

The "Capital" hears that three knighthoods are to be given to prominent Calcutta citizens in connection with the coming visit of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

THE VICEROY'S COUNCIL.

THE ARMY AND PARTITION SCHEMES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 14.

The programme for next Friday's meeting of the Viceroy's Legislative Council includes the asking of a number of questions by the Hon'ble Rai Sri Ram Bahadur. These questions include (1) inviting the Government of India to say whether they intend to advise the Secretary of State to suspend the enforcement of the Army Reorganisation Scheme; (2) calling attention to Lord Curzon's statement in his Byculla speech to the effect that in the Army Scheme question he has the support of the greater part of the Indian Army and asking the Government of India whether senior officers of the Army have been consulted and, if so, what their opinions were; (3) quoting a number of extracts from Bengali and other papers on the subject of the disturbances in Eastern Bengal in connection with the anti-Partition movement and asking whether the statements made therein are true.

POLICE SERVICE FOR PENSION.

NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 14.

A circular letter has been issued by the Home Department, referring to the intention expressed in the Police Resolution of last March, that the Government of India should deal separately with the proposal made by the Police Commission for the reduction of the period of service in the Police Department qualifying for pension. The letter states that after a full and careful consideration of the matter, the Governor-General in Council has decided to make no alteration in the existing rules.

THE CALCUTTA RACE HORSE CASE.

DISMISSED WITH COSTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 14.

Mr. Justice Sale delivered a very lengthy judgment to-day in the race horse case between Mr. A. W. Grossner and Dr. R. Spooner Hart which has attracted much attention here. His Lordship held that Mr. Grossner had failed to establish warranty on which he relied, and that so, the suit must be dismissed with costs.

After dismissing with costs the claim brought by Mr. Grossner against Dr Spooner Hart in the High Court here to-day in connection with a race horse, Mr. Justice Sale went on to deal with the cross case brought by Dr. Hart against Mr. Grossner for account and said that it had been agreed that in the event of the Court being against there having been warranty Dr. Hart would be entitled to a decree. He accordingly gave Dr. Hart a decree with costs.

BANK OF BENGAL.

The Bank of Bengal rate of interest was to-day raised to 7 per cent.

ROUND THE WORLD MOTORISTS.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

AGRA DEC. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Glidden drove into this Station from Gwalior to-day on their 24 H. P. Napier Car. They have travelled 1,366 miles in India since landing in Bombay, a fortnight ago. The Car has gone without a hitch and the tourists express themselves as delighted with India its roads, and its hospitality.

THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO THE KONKAN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALIBAG, DEC. 13.

His Excellency Lord Lamington and staff are expected to reach Alibag at noon on Saturday next, and preparation are being made by the Municipality and other public bodies to give a suitable reception to their distinguished visitor. The Gubernatorial party will proceed to Revdanda by steamer, and after inspecting the fort and the village of Chumpanuggree, which was once the capital of the Peshwas, will proceed to Alibag by tongas. A shamiana has been erected in the compound of the Municipal offices at Alibag, where his Excelency will receive an address from the District Board and the Municipality.

A durbar and a levee are proposed to be held there, and cards have been issued by the Collector. In the address the wants of the district are enumerated, which include the necessity of a bridge on the creek at Dharamter, and wharfs at Revra, Mandwa and Kim. Another address, on behalf of the Parsees residing in the district, is also proposed to be presented,

His Excellency and Staff leave Alibag the same evening and are due at Janjira on the 17th and the 18th, where the party will be the guests of his Highness Nawab Sir Sidi Ahmedkhan. On the 19th his Excellency will visit Ratnagiri, where he will be presented with addresses by the Municipality and the District Local Board.

INDIAN FOREST EXPLOITATION.

APPEAL TO GOVERNMENT.

THE Bombay Chamber of Commerce has addressed the following letter, dated October 19, to the Director of Land Records and Agriculture, Bombay:—

Sir,—"I am directed by the Committee of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce to lay before you for the favourable consideration of Government, certain proposals for the cultivation and exploitation of the forest products of this country; a subject that can hardly be said to have hitherto received the serious attention it deserves. Owing to the generally slow growth of many of the commerce yielding trees and the large capital necessarily required, private individuals cannot be expected to entertain enterprises of such nature; and it is, therefore, felt that it is the duty of the Government in a tropical country like India to assume the responsibility of providing for the Empire's present and future wants in the direction indicated. The Committee of the Chamber are of opinion that much might be attained by the establishment, under expert official control of extensive Government plantations in suitable localities all over the country, but more especially along the west coast, and on the hills and table lands of Southern India. A comparatively long list of plants and trees might be submitted for this purpose, but my Committee consider that plantations of a few of the most important would suffice at present to inaugurate the policy they strongly advocate regarding the commercial development of India's forest produce.

My Committee have, at present, given their serious attention to the two valuable products of rubber and camphor. The unprecedented use of these by European manufacturers of late, demand an almost inexhaustible supply of the raw material. It is, generally acknowledged that the natural sources of supply have already been over-exploited, and it is therefore believed the time has now come when these commodities might be produced on a more practical and scientific basis, as is done in the matter of tea, coffee, cinchona and other commercial products of like nature. My Committee are of opinion that all, or some at least, of the following varieties of rubber and camphor might be generally cultivated with great advantage to both the Commerce and Revenue of the country.

INDIGENOUS RUBBERS.

(1) Ficus Elastica, vernacular Bar, the Cautchouc tree of Assam. Experiments have already proved that the tree grows well not only in Assam, but also in Malabar, Belgaum and other localities in Southern India, and there is every reason to believe that it would thrive as well along the lower hills of the Western Ghauts. It is easily propagated by seed and cuttings, and also as an epiphyte in the forks of other forest trees. It has been calculated that an acre planted with Ficus Elastica will give about four times as much revenue as an acre planted with first-class timber trees, and that a rubber tree of say 50 years is equal in value to any two other forest trees of the same age.

(2) Artocarpus integrifolia, the common jack-fruit tree, vernacular, Katol, Panas (Hindu), Phanas (dombay), Pila (Tamil). This tree is indigenous in the forests of the Western Ghauts. If cultivated in plantations both the fruit and the rubber extract would find very remunerative Markets.

(3) There are several species of Carissa that produce good rubber. One of these, Carissa Scarlesima, is found wild as a lofty climber in many parts of the Deccan Peninsula.

(4) Cryptostegia Grandiflora is an extensive climber growing semi-wild in the Western Ghauts and adjacent plains. It is easily propagated and is said to produce "A very firm and superior rubber."

(5) India possesses fifteen species of Gutta-percha, but only four are actual natives of the country. Of these four the most important is Dichopsis Elliptaca, vernacular Punchoti Palu (Bombay) and (Tamil,) Punchouta (Kanarese). This is a large tree extending from Bombay to Kanara and ascending to an altitude of 4,000 feet, and is also common in all the moist sholas of the Western Ghauts, Wynaad and Travancore.

EXOTIC RUBBER.

Of the many foreign varieties of rubber yielding trees, the four following hold out the greatest promise of success in Western and Southern India:—

(1) "Castillos Elastica" from Central America. Grows in all temperatures above 60 Fahr. and from sea level, to altitudes of 1,500 feet. It is a rapid grower and an extremely hardy tree, thriving equally well in both dry and rainy regions. It is believed that many localities in the Wynaad and along the Western slopes of the Ghauts and parts of the Konkan would admirably suit the Castillea.

(2) "Para Rubber tree: Hevea Brasiliensis." This requires an equable climate of between 80° to 95° Fahr., a moist rich soil, and not more than 30 to 100 feet above sea level. Sir Dietrich Brandis, late Director-General of Forests in India, wrote: "We may conclude that Kanara, Malabar and Travancore offer the desired conditions as regards temperature for the successful cultivation of this caoutchouc yielding species of Hevea. I would specially draw the attention of Forest Officers in this respect to the moist evergreen forests at the foot of the Coorg Ghauts and in Kanara."

It has lately been found that the bulk of Para-rubber is mixed with the latex of Sapium Aucuparium (the admixture it is said amounts to nearly 40 per cent.) a tree that thrives in the same soil and climate as the Hevea Brasiliensis. It might, therefore, be also grown to advantage in similar localities.

3. The Ceara Rubber tree of Brazil, Manihot Glaziovii." This species thrives well in a temperature between 82° and 85° Fahr. and from sea level to an altitude of nearly 3,000 feet. It is not affected by a dry climate provided there are periodical rains such as our monsoons. It is the hardiest of its species, and extremely adaptable to varied conditions of soil and climate. It grows well in Ceylon, and has also succeeded in Madras, and over the Malabar and Wynaad Districts, and also in the vicinity of Calicut. This tree is known to thrive in Bombay itself and a good specimen may be seen in the University Gardens. There is every reason to conclude that the western slopes of the Ghauts and the plains of the Konkan are admirably suited to its cultivation.

(4) Dichopsis Gutta.—This is a native of Malacca, but can be acclimatised wherever the indigenous variety Dichopsis Elliptica grows in India; and it is said to produce the best quality of Gutta-percha.

The land area under rubber trees of all kinds in Ceylon on the 1st July 1905 is shown to be 39,140 acres. A very large percentage of these trees are still immature and have therefore not been tapped for rubber, yet a very gratifying yield is shown in the following figures:—

1903,—44 798 lbs; 1904, 77,212 lbs., and 1905 approximately 91,545 lbs. Attention may here be drawn to the fact that Ceylon rubber which was almost unknown a few years ago, now holds the premier position in the London rubber market as regards price realising as much as 6s. to 7s. per pound

With the Ceylon acreage we may instructively contrast the latest figures from other Eastern lands, given in the Report of the United Planters' Association of the Straits for 1904:—

Malay Peninsula	30,000 acres.
Java	5 000 acres.
India and Burma	5,000 acres.
	40.000 acres.

Thus it will be observed that Ceylon by itself has an acreage equal to that of all other Eastern producing countries together, and India practically comes last on the list; a position that does not reflect credit on the agricultural enterprise of the Indian Government.

CAMPHOR.

Definite information is not available regarding previous experiments made to introduce the cultivation and manufacture of camphor into India. But that some such experiments had been undertaken is evident from the number of flourishing Chinese camphor trees that may be seen in certain parts of the country. It is therefore reasonable to suppose that instead of yearly importing over sixteen lakhs of rupees worth of China and Japan camphor, India might itself be made a source of supply. There is reason to believe that if extended experiments were made, not only could the China Camphor tree be easily reintroduced, but that indigenous varieties of camphor yielding plants might also be successfully cultivated. The following suggest themselves for trial:—

(1) The Camphor Laurel, Cinnamomum Camphera, which species produce the bulk of the camphor exported from China, Japan and Formosa. This tree it appears was first brought over to India about the year 1844 by Dr. Fortune, when he also introduced the tea plant and vegetable tallow tree from China. His experiments proved successful in the above three products in the districts of Dehra Dun and Kumaon in the Himalayas, at elevations of from 2,000 to 4,000 feet above sea level. All three have since become thoroughly acclimatised and to this day besides extensive tea plantations, flourishing groves of tallow and camphor trees may be seen in the Dun. A specimen of this tree may also be seen in the Empress Gardens, Poona. There appears to be no cogent reason why large plantations of the useful China laurel should not be undertaken along the lower Himalayas and the higher reaches of the Western Ghauts and plateaux of Mysore.

(2) There are many species of Blumeas, which yield camphor, and are indigenous to this country. "Blumea Balsamifera" is common not only in China and Burma, but throughout the Eastern Himalayas, ranging from 1,000 to 4,000 feet. This species produces the well-known Nagi Camphor of Burma.

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ST. PETER'S SCHOOL.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

THE annual distribution of prizes to the successful pupils of the St. Peter's Boy's Schools at Mazagon took place, last evening, Archdeacon Scott presiding. The large school-room was tastefully decorated for the occasion with flags and bunting, while tubs of plants and evergreen which were dotted the dais proved an effective addition to the gaiety of the hall. There was a large gathering of the parents of the School children and the friends and admirers of the school present. Early in the afternoon, prior to the ceremony of distributing the prizes the boys were treated to some sports in the compound of the School, which comprised flat races, hurdle races, tug-of-war, ect.

Father H. J. Nicholson, the Principal of the School, before reading the following report for the closing year, explained the circumstances under which the school had ceased to be purely a European School.

THE REPORT.

The Report stated among other things that there were thirty boarders in the School, and about eight day-scholars attending. The School was inspected on the 8th December by Mr. A. Coverton, but his report had not yet been received. The work of the School had gone on steadly throughout the year. Last January, Mr. Lacey of the Edinburgh University and for thirteen years master of the Agra High school, was appointed Headmaster and the School owes much to his zeal and energy on its behalf. Miss Harford of the Poona Girls' High School had devoted herself unsparingly to the care of the boys in the boarding school, and had also taken an active part in the supervision of the day school. The other masters of the school had been faithful and diligent in the work of teaching. The conduct and discipline of the boys had been good and many of them had worked really hard at their lessons. Father Lagmore examined the boys in religious knowledge and reported that he was well pleased with the religious knowledge of the boys throughout the school. Drawing was very satisfactorily taught. The School Cricket eleven did well this year, losing only two matches out of a great many. Recent additions had been made to the school equipment in the shape of large charts, pictures, dinner-bells, Indian clubs. The Managers of the School are doing their best to induce the Municipality to deal with the leakage from the Bhandarwada reservoir as being a source of danger to the school and to the health of the whole neighbourhood. It was nothing short of a scandal, the report went on, that although for several years passed the attention of the Municipality had been called reapetedly to the deleterous effect on the health of Mazagon resulting from the enormous daily leakage of the reservoir, they up to the present refuse to do anything to effectually stop the leakage. The Municipality, the report went on, was supposed to be composed of public spirited men elected or appointed to safeguard the interests of the community and to improve the healthiness of the city, but the majority of the Bombay Municipality as they showed by their attitude towards the question of the leakage of the reservoir, are willing to allow a large area of the city to remain unhealthy rather than spend the necessary money to deal with the question and to effect a remedy. The school hours from the commencement of January 1906, when, standard time is to be adopted, will be the same as hitherto.

THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

Archdeacon Scott, in addressing those present, congratulated the school on the plucky and successful beginning it had made. He had frequently heard a note of uncertainty as to the continuance of the original St. Peter's Boy school; but now he found that by the thoughtful care of and perseverance of the church of Mazagon the scheme for an English-teaching school had been evolved. During the last twenty years, off and on that he had been in Bombay, he felt sad to think that hitherto there should be no Christian school attended solely, by Christians, or chiefly by Christians; for the purpose of imparting higher education.

In referring to the complaint made in the report about the leakage from the Bhandarwada reservoir the speaker said he hoped that the Municipality would give some attention to this apparently very essential work. A word of sympathy for Mazagon was necessary and it was to remind it that it was not singular in its complaint because its more aristocratic neighbours of the Malabar Hill had been suffering in the same way through mosquitoes. He now found that a new departure had recently taken place in the Municipal Department and some hospitable soul had been arranging afternoon tea parties. If the residents of Mazagon, the speaker said, were to invite the members of the Municipality to a conversazione or a tea party at some damp or uncongenial spot in Mazagon, it would make them feel what it was to suffer from mosquito bites and similar other inconveniences. That would be a practical way, he thought, of bringing home to the members of the Municipality, who were enlightened and who proclaimed themselves very anxious about the progress and well-being of Bombay, their duty towards this part of the City. The speaker in concluding his remarks wished success to the school.

Dr. Miss Bradley then handed the prizes, which consisted of books and other useful articles, to the successful pupils, after which the Chairman was Presented with a handsomely bound album on behalf of the Society, on the eve of his departure for England.

The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman and the singing of the National Anthem terminated the proceedings.

"MANNERS, GENTLEMEN PLEASE."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE"

SIR,—Anent the correspondence and also your article re "Manners Gentlemen please" I am afraid that "Lovers of Music" are inclined to be a trifle selfish and imagine that performances of such a classical kind as those given by the orchestra of H. M. S. Renown, are rendered wholly and solely for their individual benefit. There are fully 75 per cent of the audience, who like myself pay for their seats, with the idea of obtaining enjoyment, not from an extremely critical point of view, but because a well conducted Band is a pleasant thing to listen to. We are not, like your extreme faddist well up in technique, neither do we pride ourselves on knowing how a certain movement should be rendered, but we enjoy it, without making ourselves a nuisance to our neighbours in the audience by audible criticisms, and we signify the same in the usual manner. It would be well if these musical bores were to bear in mind that the "musically uneducated" are in the majority and, if it were not for them, the financial success of the undertaking would not be assured, which, after all said and done, seems to be the main object of the entertainment.—Yours, &c.

POUR PASSER LE TEMPS.

MONTE-POISUR ROAD.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR:—Last Sunday was celebrated the feast of the Church of Monte-Poisur, on which occasion thousands of people, both Christians and non-Christians flocked to the Shrine, who unfortunately had to wend their way from the Borivli Station to the historic church and tower on the hill, a distance of about a mile and a half, through fields, narrow footpaths and ankle deep of dust, causing a deal of inconvenience to the pilgrims.

Some three months ago, there appeared in your paper a letter showing the necessity of having a regular road made and the District Local Board of Thana being always alive to the needs of the people took up the matter and asked for estimates, but up to now nothing has been done. The President and members of the Board will therefore confer a much desired boon on the pilgrims and the residents of the place by sanctioning the said road and getting it ready as soon as possible.—Yours, &c.

P. P. DL.

THE great progress which has been made in Bengal in the matter of the construction of railways has, says the "Englishman," completely altered the views which were formerly accepted in the matter of communications by road. Some of the old roads have been entirely superseded by railways, while many new roads have had to be provided to connect the railway stations with the country, behind them. The construction of these roads has thrown a heavy burden on District Boards and from 1901 to 1904 an annual grant of five lakhs of rupees was made to supplement the income of the District Boards. It has been found impossible to continue this, but there is a considerable balance yet in the hands of District Boards and good progress was made last year in the construction of feeder roads to the Bengal-Nagpur Railway and to the Howrah-Amta and other light railways.

PRESIDENCY CRICKETERS.

[BY "OLD SPORT."]

W. Troup, the famous Gloucestershire County cricketer, is at present stationed at Jhansi which being in the Western Command should give that player the necessary qualifications to represent the Presidency against the Parsis and the Hindus. A Presidency eleven would, at the present time, certainly be a very powerful batting side if all the best players who are available, would don flannels. J. G. Greig, W. Troup, F. W. D. Quinton, H. P. Chaplin, and J. H. Curtis would at all events form the nucleus of a first class team in the Indian, if not the Home, acceptation of the term. Another new player who should be available from Belgaum next year to assist the Presidency is E. Marsden, the old Cheltonian, who during the past three years has been regarded as one of the best all-round players in the Madras Presidency. His regiment, the 64th Pioneers, is now stationed at Belgaum, but he is at present at home on leave and returns to India at the end of next month. B. M. Carroll, who played for the Presidency the year before last, is yet another player whose services are available from Jhansi, and it is strange that his name was not even thought of last September when the Presidency team was being selected. A cricketer, who has favourably impressed those whose business it is to unearth promising young players for Surrey, is surely entitled to have his name considered for a place in the team.

Major L. M. R. Deas is stationed at Deolali which being within easy reach of either Bombay or Poona should always enable him to be available regularly for Presidency matches.

It may not be generally known by those who take an interest in the composition of Presidency teams that H. P. Chaplin of the 10th Hussars played for Sussex throughout the greater part of last season under the name of "B. P. Chapman." He is a greatly improved batsman and for Sussex, had an average of 17·92 for 28 innings and made 96 against Warwickshire.

If the Cricket Committee of the Bombay Gymkhana send out invitations early enough for the match with the Hindus, it should be possible for the Presidency to be represented by the following players:—

Captain J. G. Greig (Hampshire)
Major F. W. D. Quinton (Hampshire).
W. Troup (Gloucestershire).
H. P. Chaplin (Sussex).
J. H. Curtis (Gloucestershire)
H. J. Hoare (M. C. C).
E. J. H. Haughton.
F. L. Sprott.
Major L. M. R. Deas.
E. E. Coombs.
H. Cheetham or E. Marsden.

BOXING.

Paddy Gill, the sailor boxer, is anxious to get on a fight with some one his own weight (8-8) and, should his challenge be accepted, the match will probably take place at Abell's Grand Circus and not at Duval's Circus as previously notified. Gill, who has now quite recovered from his recent illness, is a clever little boxer and should be able to get on a match. There are plenty of men of his weight among local boxers, any of whom he would be glad to meet.

BOMBAY SERVICES.

Captain B. C. Fellows, Aide-de-Camp to the Political Resident, Aden, is granted privilege leave for ninety days with effect from the 2nd October.

Mr. B. C. H. Calcraft-Kennedy, I. C. S., on return from leave, to act as First Assistant and to do duty as Assistant Judge and Additional Sessions Judge, Nasik, pending further orders, and to try such cases as the Sessions Judge of Nasik may make over him.

Lieutenant S. S. W. Paddon, 36th Jacob's Horse, to be Cantonment Magistrate at Jacobabad in addition to his Military duties.

Lieutenant Paddon is also appointed, to be a Magistrate of the First Class in the Upper Sind Frontier District, and will exercise the powers with which he is hereby invested within the limits of the Military Cantonment of Jacobabad.

The undermentioned officers passed the Higher Standard Departmental Examination held from 25th to 30th September and on 16th November. Passed in Parts I and II.—(1) Mr. R. G. Gordon, I. C. S., (2) Mr. J. H. Garrett, I. C. S., (3) Mr. W. Greer, I. C. S., (4) Mr. M. Webb, I. C. S., (5) Mr. G. Wiles, I. C. S.

Messrs. Gordon and Wiles passed an examination in Gujarathi, Messrs. Garret and Greer an examination in Marathi, and Mr. Webb an examination in Kanarese.

Mr. L. Graham, I. C. S., has now completely passed the Higher Standard Departmental Examination.

Mr. J. Monteath, I. C. S, to act as Collector of Dharwar and to be Member and President of the Local Board established for the Dharwar District from date of receiving charge from Mr. M. C. Gibb LL. B. (Cantab), I. C. S., pending relief by Mr. C. W. M. Hudson, I. C. S.

Mr. J. W. Smyth, I. C. S., passed the Higher Standard Departmental Examination in Sindhi held before the Branch Committee in Sind from 25th to 30th September and 16th November.

Mr. C. V. Vernon, B.A. (Oxon.), I. C. S., Assistant Collector, Poona, is granted such privilege leave as may be due to him in combination with furlough for such period as may bring the combined period of absence up to eighteen months from 15th March 1906, or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

Mr. R. E. Gibson, I. C. S., on return to duty, to be Assistant Collector in Sind.

Mr. J. T. Scotson, B.A. (Cantab.), I. C. S., on completion of the General Administration Report to be Assistant Collector, Bijapur.

Mr. A. L. M. Wood, I. C. S., has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Mr. J. A. G. Wales, M.A. (Oxon.). I. C. S., to be a member of the Sub-Committee for Vernacular Examinations of the Central Committee for Departmental Examinations, vice Mr. H. L. Painter, B.A. (Oxon.), I. C. S.

The Reverend J. H. Parry is appointed to be Chaplain of Hyderabad (Sind).

Mr. W. Mathews to be Inspector of Steam Boilers and Prime Movers with effect from the 10th June, vice Mr. G. E. Wood, and with Aden as the local extent of his duties.

Assistant Surgeon P. A. Cordeiro, L. M. and S is promoted from the Third to the Second Class of Assistant Surgeons with effect from the 1st April.

Mr. Stephen Harris Coverton, of his Majesty's Covenanted Civil Service on the Bombay Establishment, reported his arrival on the 8th instant and has been placed under the orders of the Commissioner in Sind.

Captain R. W. Anthony, M.B., L.M.S., on relief by Major T. Jackson, M.B., B.S., L.M.S., to act as Civil Surgeon, Dhulia, pending further orders.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. V. Anderson, M.B., L.M.S., has been allowed an extension of furlough for five months and three days.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. A. Corkery, I. M. S., has been allowed an extension of furlough for seven weeks

Lieutenant-Colonel W. A. Corkery, I. M. S., has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Mr. E. Jackson to be President of the Sind Boiler Commisson, vice Mr. G. R. Lynn, who has resigned his appointment.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY.

Next Sunday, the 17th instant, is the date fixed for "Hospital Sunday" when the Offertories taken in the Cathedral and most of the places of worship in Bombay including the two Scotch Churches will be devoted to the Funds of the St. Georges Hospital Nursing Association. It is hoped that Church goers will remember this and respond in a manner worthy of the object.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

Ju-Jitsu for Women.

THE LADIES' WORK SOCIETY.

THE FALLING BIRTH-RATE.

LONDON, Nov. 24.

A LITTLE time ago in America a hostess created a sensation—always a social triumph in the States by a surprise party. The guests on arriving were shown to dressing-rooms, where waiting-maids persuaded them to change their smart apparel for a curious loose costume, consisting of white linen knickerbockers and jackets, with loose white linen wrappings for their feet. Later they descended to a large hall on which thick mats were laid—as if a soft mattress had been spread all over the floor. First there was a demonstration of ju-jitsu by two little Japanese ladies, and then there were lessons for everyone. The idea was accepted with delight, and soon the Japanese national game—pronounced by them without sounding the final vowel—became the fashionable exercise with smart women. It is now introduced into our own country in more prosaic fashion, and promises to create an interest little less than that in America, and possibly more abiding. At first sight the game appears more wonderful than attractive. Charming it would doubtless be to possess the knack of throwing a powerful opponent almost as if he were a bag of thistle-down, Thwack, smack, bump, flop on the mattress, however, demonstrates that he is no such thing, and as the falls are not all on one side, a spectator may be pardoned for thinking tenderly of her bones. A larger knowledge, however, leads to the fact that bones are quite safe. The first thing taught is how to take a fall; the mind is kept always in attendance on the body in ju-jitsu, and falls are taken on the fleshy pads.

Princess Louis, Duchess of Argyll, attended by Lady Sophia Macnamara and Captain Probert, the other day opened a sale of work at 42, Park-street, W., and the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Marc, organised by the Ladies' Work Society, of which H. R. H. is the president. Several pieces of work exhibited were designed by Princess Louise, among them a beautiful cushion of cream satin with clusters of wild roses in each corner, the corners connected by trailing leaves and stems. A very beautiful work-bag of white satin in antique pattern was also designed by the Princess; and a lovely portiere of green velvet with standard roses embroidered was another of her designs. The Ladies work Society, whose depot is at 31, Sloane-street, was founded to provide employment for gentlewomen whose circumstances render it necessary that they should employ their time remuneratively. Among the novelties on view to-day were embroidered buttons both for dresses and coats, embroidered siderdown quilts, photo frames covered with lace and every kind of beautiful fancy work and lingerie. Miss Ruby Mare presented a bouquet of roses to the Princess, who after declaring the sale open went round informally speaking to those she knew. She remained until the luncheon hour, and signified her intention of coming again later in the afternoon.

No one nowadays has a chance of escaping the information that the birth-rate is falling. Several distinguished persons, episcopal and other, have become aware of the fact, which they greatly deplore; but it strikes the student of the subject that most of the pessimist take an extraordinarily narrow view. Apparently they think that they have to deal with a local and temporary fact, which is due to an outburst of selfishness itself, to be treated by local means, such as uncritical addresses. Let us for the moment, then, forget that we are Britons and attempt to look at the birth-rate as it might be seen from Mars. The birth-rate is falling, not merely in this country, but in all civilised countries that afford the necessary statistics, with the exceptions of Russia and Japan. This fact affords us, at any rate, one conclusion as to the cause of the fall in our country. It is the cause lately assigned in plain language by the Bishop of London. It is not any failure in vitality on the part of this people; it may or it may not be a symptom of moral decadence; it most assuredly is not a symptom of physical decadence. There is absolutely no evidence for the existence of such physical decadence in the shape of a progressive inherited degeneration of our peoples. In civilisation in general, with two notable exceptions, the birth-rate is falling because the public desires that it shall fall. It would be more accurate to say, perhaps, that the individual desires it to fall as an individual, but that he thinks it the duty of the public to make it rise. The attitude of the average citizen, often a bachelor, is something like this; My case is exceptional, but it is certainly scandalous that etc., etc., The first point made, then, is that we are dealing with a matter over which the human will has control. It is something to be quite certain that we are not studying the decrees of an inscrutable Providence, but rather the general result of the individual decrees of a mass of people whose motives are anything but inscrutable.

With the moral aspect of the question I have no business. Here I am content to dispose of the pretence which until lately, has surrounded it, to make no attempt to appraise the motives of my fellows, but rather to inquire into the consequences of a fact which it is my business, as a student of science, neither to deplore nor applaud, but simply to recognise. Now the consequences of a falling birth rate may be conveniently considered under three headings. First, with regard to the future of humanity as awhole, second, with regard to the conflict between nation and nation, and thirdly, with regard to the interior life of any nation. In other words, I want to consider the subject from the planetary, the international, and the national points of view. The planetary consequences of a generally falling birth-rate, together with a steadily falling death-rate, must, I think, be as follows. The amount of life must increase relatively to the amount of attaining life and losing life—of being born and dying. This is plainly a gain for human happiness, and implies an enormous economy of human energy, but we cannot say that anything remotely approaching the ideal has been reached until we abolish that crying scandal and shame—the infantile mortality. If the Bishop of London wants a worthy crusade to preach, let him a rise and ask this people how it comes about that the shame and brutality of this thing can coexist with their religious professions. The blood of these innocents cries alone to Heaven they have been dying like flies in all our large cities during the past three months—and if there be anything in the Divine verse beginning, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of thr least of these, ye did it not to Me, there is an awful indictment awaiting some of us when the Son of Man shall come in His Glory."

Abolish the infantile mortality, as it might be abolished to-morrow by the collective will, allow the birth-rate to fall lower than it is at present, and there will be nothing, but gain in every direction. What is it that these advocates of fisn-like procreation desire? What are they aiming at? Do they want to see a human being on every square yard of the earth's surface? It seems to me that when people—bachelors or others—demand more births, they should have a clear notion of what they are seeking to attain. More births are not an end in themselves; the only end is happiness, or, if you please, holiness. Is that end thereby subserved? The international aspect of a falling birth-rate—and especially the inter-racial aspect—might be treated in a dozen articles perhaps. Here I can merely note first, that the birth-rate of swarming Japan is rapidly rising, second, that Australia is not inaccessible from Japan; third, that during the last decade the Australian birth-rate has fallen to an even greater degree than the Japanese rate has risen. It is absolutely self evident that, given the continuance of present conditions, Australia will one day be a Japanese Colony—under whatever name. There will be some thinking done on this subject during the next hundred years.

Lady Violet Greville, writing in the "Nineteenth Century," gives some account of several seventeenth-century housewives. One of these, the first Duchess

Newcastle, was famous for herintellectual rather than of her domestic qualities. Her play, "The Humorous Lovers," was described by Pepys as "that most silly thing that ever came upon a stage," but despite this "silliness," she was a woman of noble virtues. She and the duke lived on homely fare; it was a case of plain living and high thinking. He (the duke) makes, his wife tell us, but one meal a day, at which he drinks two good glasses of small beer and a little glass of hock, in the middle of the dinner, which glass he also uses in the morning for his breakfast, with a morsel of bread. Tea was not then introduced, and ladies and gentlemen alike drank beer or wine for breakfast. His supper consists of an egg and a tiny glass of small beer. My diet is for the most part sparing, as a little boiled chicken or the like, my drink commonly water. Mrs. Walker, the wife of the Rev. Dr. Walker, Lady Warwick's chaplain shortly after the Restoration, is another type. "She ruled her house with diligence; out of the ample knowledge she possessed, she instructed her maids in cookery, baking, dairywork, and the care of the linen, in which her love of neatness was exceptionally curious. She exhorted her children to cultivate this as a virtue,for, said she, not all neat women are good, but all good women are neat, a pretty maxim that might well be inculcated on the present generation. Like the capable women of that day, she was feared as well as loved. When she stood up, we are told, in her pew to frown down whispers in the sermon, she struck awe into their souls. On the anniversary of their wedding a dish of pies was served, made by Mrs. Walker herself answering to the number of years of their married life. On the last occasion there were thirty-nine pies.

In this way, even when they occur on a hard pavement, a bruise is the worst result; when on the mattress there is no result at all. The girl who knows ju-jitsu throws and is thrown as if she were made of indiarubber. The skilled demonstrators move with almost lightining rapidity, except when showing some special part of the game. The whole idea of it is quickness and knack. Physical strength has no part in it; the greatest difficulty with pupils is to train them to refrain from using any. To the uninitiated it is marvellous to note that a girl, slight and lissom can throw, a large man over her slouder and across her lips perfect ease, and with the grace inseparable from power. It is clearly demonstrated that to put out strength is to give a skilled ju-jitsu adversary an advantage at once seized to procure a throw. The body must be kept limber and supple. Herein lies the valve of the game as an exercise. Every muscle and joint is freely exercised without force. The power of a skilled player over one unversed in ju-jitsu tactics is the triumph of brain-guided knack over brute force. If two players have almost equal skill, the result is a contest full of fun and excitement. A whirl of fast-moving limbs, eyes ever fixed on agile feet. Suddenly one is off balance, quick as thought the other sees it, and with one touch of the foot gives a throw that the strength of a giant could not accomplish so neatly. As before stated, it looks rough, an impression added to by the noise of falls. That it is not so really is proved by the perfect the composure of the players, if not by their evident enjoyment.

GOA NOTES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

PANGIM. DEC. 11.

THERE was a good deal of animation here during the period the cruiser "St. Gabriel" was in these waters, for its gallant officers and men gave life to an almost dead city. Within the short space of ten days, we witnessed as many soirees, balls, tea parties and "At Homes" and picnics as there have not been for the last two years. The departure of the cruiser naturally evo ked a feeling of regret from all sides. The City has again fallen into state of dullness when we were happily relieved of by the arrival of the "Sado." This gunboat is anchored in the harbour just in front of the Palace and will be stationed here until further orders.

H. E. Lord Lamington is expected to visit Goa shortly and I hear H. E. Colonel Novaes with a view to giving your Governor a suitable reception has telegraphed to the Minister of Marine for the retention of the Cruiser here for some time more. Several cases of colic occurred among the crew on board the Sado during its voyage from Bombay to Goa. Luckily the attacks were light and are stated to have been due to the drinking water tanks being of lead without the inner zinc sheet covering. On the 9th instant a new telegraph office was opened at Pernem On that and subsequent day the despatch of free telegrams was allowed and this privilege was availed of by several persons who sent telegrams to various parts of the country. A monument has been erected at Pangim consisting of a cross and a tablet with a suitable inscription, to commemorate the terrible disaster which occurred three years ago on the day of the feast of St. Francis Xavier when about 100 persons were drowned owing to the foundering of the ill-fated steam launch "Goa" in the river Mandovy. The unveiling ceremony was an imposing spectacle and was attended by distinguished ecclesiastics and laymen. The monument is the outcome of the subscription raised by the Goans residing at Aden.

On Friday the 8th inst. the feast of our Lady of Immaculate Conception, who is the chief patroness, was celebrated in all the principal churches here, but at Moira, Bardez, this was done with such pomp and grandeur as has never been witnessed in the village before. The beautiful church was ornamented in a highly artistic style and the religious ceremonies were performed by eminent and distinguished clerics of the land. There were fireworks and brilliant illuminations and the people in the village saw for the first time the Kitson light which was fully used. The president of the feast Mr. Pedro L. F. de Souza, who is a wealthy merchant at Karachi, spared no pains and money to render the occasion a complete success.

THE BOMBAY HUNT.

Hounds met yesterday at Parla, where a large field, including five ladies, had gathered on the outskirts of the coverts shortly after six. The Master had 17 1/2 couple out, all of which looked well and on the fringe of the roughish bit of ground behind the village they got on the scent of a jackal. The ground was dry, and hounds had to work out every yard of their travel on this scentless morning in pursuit of this stout jackal, who, after giving the field a short turn over the melon ground led the chase past Caleena Tank. Leaving the barracks on his right the jack made his point in the direction of the Backwater below the black bridge, and hounds, after pressing him hard in the rocks and quarries here, where one or two gallant sportsmen, nearly came to grief, eventually crossed the Backwater and pursued their quarry across the Vehar-Coorla Road close by the Dispensary. Thence with difficulty, the hounds carried the line to the Hog's Back Hill, and after hunting slowly up and down the neighbouring hills and valleys they lost scent, and although a big fresh jackal was seen slinking off in the direction of the Powai Hills, scent had failed and hounds were called off after having given another very enjoyable morning, in the courses of which there was some very good hound-work.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS. Good Spirits. Everyone has frequ ntly experienced sudden personal changes from gaiety to gloom. The wind and weather oftentimes receive the blame when a faulty digestion is alone the cause of the depression. Holloway's Pills can be honestly recommended for regulating a disordered stomach and improving digestion. They entirely remove the sense of fulness and oppression after eating. They clear the furred tongue, and act as a wholesome stimulant to the liver, and a gentle aperient to the bowels. They healthfully rouse both body and mind. Holloway's Pills are the best antidotes for want of appetite, nausea, flatulency, heartburn languor, depression, and that apathy so characteristic of chronic derangement of the digestion.

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

The following are Excerpts from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay, held on the 5th December:—

Read letter from the Chief Engineer, dated 29th November, forwarding the following two tenders received for the supply of about 400 tons of South Hetton Smithy Nuts Coal during the year 1906:—

Messrs. J. F. Karaka and Co., Messrs. Khambatta and Co., and recommending that the tender of Messrs Karaka and Co., who hold the present contract and have given satisfaction, be accepted.

Resolution.—The tender of Messrs. J. F. Karaka and Co. should be accepted. Submitted letter from the Chief Engineer, dated 27th November forwarding the following ten tenders received by him for the supply of different kinds of coal during the year 1906, together with a comparative statement of the different tenders, the present contract and market rates, and copies of conditions of contract, and forms of agreement and specification offering remarks, and recommending that Messrs Cory Brothers' tender for the special Jherria coal be accepted.

The papers having been circulated to the Trustees were not read. Read minutes of Trustees thereon.

Resolution—The tender of Messrs. Cory Brothers should be accepted.

Submitsed letter from the Chief Engineer, dated 24th November forwarding the following tenders received for the supply of sundries, Ironmongery, and paints and oils during the year 1906 together with tabulated comparisons of the items in the different tenders with the contract prices in the last three years, and the market rates at the time of advertising and also a statement of the total amount of all tenders:—Sundries—Messrs. Kurwa and Kajiji, Messrs. Samsoodin Babooji and Sons Messrs. McDongall Bros Ironmongry—Messrs. Kurwa and Kajiji, Messrs. Samsoodin Babooji and Sons, Paints and Oils—Messrs. Kurwa and Kajiji (deducting Kerosine Oil),Messrs. Sumsoondin Babooji and Sons (incomplete) Messrs. Wilkinson, Heywood and Clark (incomplete). Messss. Turner. Morrison and Co (incomplete).Messrs. Vacuum Oil Co. for Vacuum Oil only (incomplete). The papers having been circulated to the Trustees were not read. Read minuses' of Trustees thereon.

Resolution—The following tenders are accepted:—Sundries andIronmongery.—Divided between Messrs. Kurwa & Kajiji and Messrs. Samsoodin Babooji & Sons the lowest items to be selected from each tender and equals divided. Paints and Oils'—The lowest items in paints be given to Messrs. Wilkinson Heywood & Clark, and the remaining items of the tender including Black Varnish but omitting altogether Kerosine and Cylinder Oils and giving half the quantity of boiled Linseed Oil to Messrs. Turner, Morrison & Co. as mentioned by the Chief Engineer be given to Messrs. Kurwa and Kajiji.

Submitted letter from the Chief Engineer dated 30th November forwarding the following tenders received for the supply of Ropes, Flies, Cement and Chunam during the year 1906, together with tabulated comparisons of the items in the different tenders with the contract prices in the last three years and the market rates at the time of advertising and also a statement of the total amount of all tenders:—Ropes—Messrs Kurwa and Kajiji Messrs. Samsoodin Babooji & Sons (incomplete), Mr.R B Kotwal (incomplete) Framjee Dinshaw Bharucha (incomplete), Flies—Messrs Kurwa and Kajiji, Messrs. Samsoodin Babooji & Sons, Cement—Messrs Samsoodin Babooji and Sons, Messrs. Kurwa and Kajiji. Chunam—Messrs. Ally Mahomed Cassum and Co. (for Amboli) and for Dharavi Mr. Haji Adum Abba (for Amboli) reporting fully in regard to the various tenders, and recommending that the tenders of Messrs. Kurwa and Kajiji for the supply of Ropes and Flies that of Messrs Samsoodin Babooji and Sons for Cement, and that of Mr. Haji Adum Abba for Amboli Chunam be accepted, The papers having been circulated to the Trustees were not read. Read minutes of Trustees thereon.

Resolution—The Chief Engineer's recommendations are approved.

PILOTAGE STATEMENT.

	For week ending 1st Dec 1905.	Total from 1st April to 1st Dec 1905	For week ending 1st Dec 1904.	Total from 1st April to 1st Dec 1904
Vessels piloted into harbour.	24	799	21	765
Do. ,, out of ,, ,,	22	798	28	774
Do. transported ,, ,,	19	550	15	604
Do. attended to ,, ,,	4	43	2	37
Do. warped ,, ,,	...	37	...	20

INDIAN FOREST EXPLOITATION.

(Concluded from page 4.)

"Blumea Lacera" grows as a weed throughout the plains of India to Travancore, and ascends to 2,000 feet in the Himalayas. Blumea Erlantha often mistaken for Blumea Lacera is a common plant on the Western coast of the Bombay Presidency, and is known to the natives as Ekronda. But the vernacular name of Bhamburda is commonly applied to all Blumeas on the Bumbay side.

From the above notes it would appear that the extended cultivation and manufacture of Blumea and China laurel camphors would be highly desirable, while rubber cultivation promises even still more remunerative results. But the comparatively long time that would have to elapse before such products could successfully be placed on a commercial basis, would as stated before preclude private individuals from taking up enterprises of such magnitude. The cultivation of such forest produce, at least in their initatory stages,is therefore felt to be essentially an undertaking for Government in its Forest and Agricultural Department. When we look at the extraordinary success of tea, coffee, and cinchona plantations, all originally fostered by the Indian Government, there can be no reasonable doubt as to the beneficial effects that would follow similar official experiments in these other commodities now recommended as peculiarly suitable to the climatic and other favourable conditions prevailing in India.

OTHER COUNTRY PRODUCTS.

My Committee also desire to take this opportunity of drawing the attention of Government to the following additional products, which in their opinion might be systematically exploited to the advantage of Western and Southern India:—

(a) Cassava-Mannihot Utilissima which produces the well-known Tapioca of Commerce. Originally a native of South America, it has long since been acclimatised in India, and is largely cultivated in the South, and also in Assam and Bengal. It grows in almost any soil and requires very little cultivation. It is pre-eminently a drought resisting crop requiring only about 15 inches of rain for perfect development. It could therefore be successfully grown in famine years when there was a deficiency in the rainfall. It is suggested that Government might offer some substantial inducements to native growers and establish independent plantations of their own for purposes of demonstrations. Here selected varieties, suitable to the climate of Southern India might be introduced from South America.

(b) Prickly Pear-Opuntea Dillenii, vernacular, Nag Phun. An excellent fodder for cattle. Experiments having proved that cattle with readily devour it if the thorns are extracted and it is chopped up into small pieces. As it grows wild in great profusion all over Southern India, it would be invaluable in saving cattle in times of famine. It is suggested that Government might send round experienced native subordinates to demonstrate the use of the Prickly Pear to villagers in every district.

(c) Gum.—There are numerous kinds in India whose commercial value is undoubted, but it is here desired to especially recommend one variety for further exploitation, viz. the Jingan. Gun, a product of the Jingan tree Odina Wodier. A large deciduous tree 40 or 50 feet in height, met with throughout the hotter parts of India. This gum possesses about three fourths of the viscosity of gum Arabic and has been very favourably reported on in the London Market. The bark is used in parts of India for tanning and as a dye, and a decoction made from it together with the gum is used medicinally.

(d) Nitro-Culture. Experiments in inoculating soil with Nitrogen fixing bacteria have proved so successful in America in the case of leguminous crops, that it is considered advisable that similar experiments should be undertaken on a large scale in this country with such pulses as Moth or Urd, Phaseolus Aconitifolius, Mung, Phaseolus Mungo, Gram or Chick Pea, Cicer Arietinum, Dal or Cadjan pea, Cajanus Indicus, & Muttar or Field pea, Pisum Arvense.

(e) Fruit Culture and Preservation.—There is a vast field open for the improvement of all kinds of Indian fruit. The reduction or entire elimination of seed offers openings for various experiments in this direction. A comparatively seedless mango for example would be much appreciated. The recently discovered method of preserving fruit in vacuum tins lends itself to transportation of fruit throughout India as well as to Foreign Markets.

(f) And lastly it is believed that Vanilla, Cardamons, Nutmegs, Pepper and Cloves would all thrive in this part of the country. Vanilla for instance is proved to grow well in Bombay. Plants bearing beans may be seen both in the Victoria Gardens and on Malabar Hill. These it is suggested might be tried in the experimental gardens previously advocated in the Konkan and along the Western Ghauts.

In conclusion, my Committee would be obliged by your communicating to them the results of any successful Agricultural experiments that may be available from time to time as they would be very pleased to disseminate all such information among the commercial community of this Presidency.—I have, &c.,

(Sd.) J. B. LESLIE-ROGERS, Secretary.

EXAMINATIONS IN MEDICINE.

On behalf of the Council of the Bombay Graduates' Association, Sir Pherozeshah M. Mehta, President and Chairman of the Council has forwarded the following letter to the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, and Fellows of the University of Bombay:—

Apollo Bunder, Bombay, Dec. 13.

Gentlemen,—We have been directed by the Council of the Bombay Graduates' Association to submit the following representation for the consideredation of the Senate in connection with the recommendation of Committees G. & H. (appointed by the Senate to draft regulations relating to Examinations in Medicine and Engineering under Sec. 25, Sub-Sec. 2 Clause (x) of the Indian Universities' Act,) that the test of admission to the Medical and Engineering Colleges be the Intermediate Examination in Arts or in Science.

To take the Medical course first it may be pointed out that the curriculum of studies for the whole medical course as recommended by the Committee is almost identical with the curriculum prescribed by most of the Universities of the United Kingdom and the course in both extends over a period of five years. Now, for entering upon their course of medical studies, most of the Universities of the United Kingdom do not require in the student any higher qualification than what is ensured by the passing of she Matriculation examination of our University. To require an Indian student before entering upon an identical course of medical sudies, to pass two years at the least, in an Art's College, would be imposing upon him an uncalled for and unnecessary burden. The course for the Preliminary Scientific Examination, as recommended by the Committee itself provides amply and sufficiently for that initial training in Science which it is considered necessary for a medical student to have, befor he enters upon his purely medical course. There is no necessity of burdening him with the study of other subjects which he has to take up for passing the Intermidiate Examination and which for all practical purposes are out-side the scope of and in no way necessary for his proper trainining in the medical course. The continued study, for instance, of a Classical language or of Mathematics is not necessary for the proper apprehension of the subjects which he has to study at the Medical College.

The Council is also of opinion that while it may be desirable to insist upon a certain standard of general culture before a student is allowed to commence his medical studies, it is also necessary to bear in mind that the standard insisted upon does notunduly prolong the course of studies and thus press too heavily upon an average Indian student. Having regard to the conditions of life under which Indian students have to work it is very undesirable to insist upon a higher standard of education for admission to Medical Colleges than what is absolutely necessary and what has been found sufficient by most of the Universities in the United Kingdom.

The question of the standard of general education necessary for admission to Medical Colleges has been thoroughly gone into by the General Medical Council of the United Kingdom and the standard laid down by them does not go beyond the course prescribed for the Matriculation Examination by the University of Bombay. It may be pointed out that the Medical Council of England have actually recognised the Matriculation Examination of the Bombay University as qualifying the student for a Medical course in the United Kingdom. It would be anomalous that a matriculate of the Bombay University who would be allowed to join a Medical College by nearly every University in the United Kingdom without possessing any further qualification—though a few of them require that he should take a degree in Arts before a medical degree may be finally conferred upon him—should not be considered qualified to commence medical studies in Bombay unless he has undergone a further course of study in an Arts' College for at least two years. It may be added that the revised course for the Matriculation Examination in Bombay will be higher than the present course and there in all the greater reason why the new Matriculation Examination should be considered sufficient to qualify for admission to a Medical College.

However if the Senate think that it is necessary to insist upon a higher qualification than the Matriculation, the Council is of opinion that the Previous Examination ought to be accepted as a sufficiently high test sor admission to a Medical College Study in an Arts' College for one year is, in the opinion of the Council, enough to ensure that standard of general culture and of proficiency in English which may be reasonably required of a student who wishes to take up the Medical course.

With regard to the Engineering course, the Council is of opinion that it is needless to raise the standard of qualification for admission any further than what the University has already done. The arguments above set forth with regard to the Medical course apply with greater force to the Engineering course. The University of London does not repuire any higher qualification than the Matriculation for admision to its Engineering course while we have already insisted upon the students' passing the Previous Examination before they can commence their Engine ring studies. Most of the subjects again which a student has to study for the Intermediate Examination in Arts or Science have no necessary connection with the subjects he has to study at an Engineering College, nor would they be of any direct use to him in the proper understanding of those subjects. It would lastly be a great hardship on Engineering students to have their course of studies unnecessarily lengthened by insisting upon their passing the Intermediate Examination.

In conclusion, the Council trusts that the Senate will not accept the recommendation of the Committees G and H with regard to thestest of admission the Medical and the Engineering Colleges.

The above letter is signed by Sir P. Mehta and by Messrs. Rustam K. R. Cama, D G. Padhye, and Lallubhai A. Shah Hon. Secs.

JEALOUSY AND REVENGE.

VICTIM PURSUED WITH A KNIFE.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Russell, and the Hon. Mr. Justice Aston, presiding at the High Court, Appellate Side, have disposed of an appeal in a case against Daji Odhar who was convicted by Mr. S. Padamji, Additional Sessions Judge of Ahmedabad, at Nadiad, in November last, of an attempt to murder and attempt to commit house trespass in order to commit murder or culpable homicide and was sentenced to five years' rigorous imprisonment for the first offence, and two years' rigorous imprisonment for the second offence, the sentences to run consecutively.

The accused was charged, firstly, with attempting to murder Chhotalal Runchodlal, on the 8th September last, by stabbing him with a knife; and secondly, with pursuing the said Chhotalal, and attempting to commit house trespass into the dwelling of Mr. Nathoobhai, Pleader, in order to commit murder or culpable homicide. It appears that accused's wife was employed as a servant by Chhotalal's father, a respectable pleader of Borsad, for about two or three months in 1903. The father and son were living separate, but were said to eat together. The son said he detected the servant, Heera, pilfering some grain, and he informed his father, who paid her her wages and discharged her. Her husband the accused, wanted her wages from the complainant also, as she had served him as well, but the complainant refused to pay. The accused lay in wait for him on the 8th September last, that is two years afterwards, and while he was returning from a temple about 8 p. m., stabbed him twice in the abdomen and on the chest. The complainant ran into the house of Mr. Nathubhai, Pleader, about a distance of 25 feet. Accused followed him and wanted to enter the house to kill him, but Nathubhai threatened to shoot him with a revolver, he had in his hand, which deterred the accused. The latter was seized and handed over to the police with the knife in his hand. The Sessions Judge remarked that the motive assigned was incredible; it was too trivial for so determined an action on the part of the accused. The real motive, said the Sessions Judge, appeared at the very first sight to be some intimacy between the complainant who was a young man, and Heera, the wife of the accused. The father of the complainant reluctantly confessed that he had heard something about such intimacy. Heera had left the accused and that too might have been preying on the mind of the accused. Irrespective of the motive, the Sessions Judge said the evidence was too strong not to be believed. Complainant was so badly hurt that it was found necessary to take his dying declaration. The accused was convicted and sentenced as mentioned above.

Their Lordships on a consideration of the evidence dismissed the appeal.

BOMBAY FIRST EXTRA MEETING.

SATURDAY, 16TH DECEMBER.

HORSES STRUCK OUT.

The December Plate—Koko.
The Arab Plate.—Tabsman, Peculer, chiragh.
The Pony Plate.—Emenent, Nethersby, Men.
The Arab Pony Plate.—Practical.
The Novice Plate.—Sherah, Nadim, air motor Witness II, Magoa charta.
The old year Plate zinfandel, Thunderstorm, Malabar.

A FALSE CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED DROWNING.

MALICIOUS COMPLAINT AGAINST AN ENEMY.

THE Hon. the Chief Justice and the Hon. Mr. Justice Russell, presiding on the Appellate Side, of the High Court, have disposed of an application for revision in a case against Mahomedbhai Sadakbhai, who was convicted by Mr. Sorabshah Hormusjee, First Class Magistrate at Surat, in August last, of bringing a false charge of having committed an offence knowing that there was no lawful ground for such charge, and was sentenced to nine months' rigorous imprisonment. On appeal, Mr. W. Baker, Acting Sessions Judge of Surat confirmed the conviction and sentence. Mr. Talyarkhan, with Mr. Ratanlal Runchordas, appeared for the accused; and Rao Bahadur V. J. Kirtikar, Government Pleader, appeared for the Crown.

The facts that led to the institution of the proceedings against the accused were briefly these. On the 5th June last, he complained to the chief constable in charge of the Surat City that on the preceding day, four persons, namely Kadarbhai Abdoolabhai, Kamaludin Mahomadali, Kaloo Hamad, and Abdool.Rahim Ramjoo in pursuance of a pre-concerted plan for taking his life, took him to a toddy-shop, made him drink toddy to excess, and while he was in a state of intoxication, took him to the public park, and thence to the jetty near the Custom House, and there Kadarbhai gave him a push, and threw him into the river; that he raised cries of alarm and subsequently got unconscious, but was brought alive out of water, and regained his consciousness. The motive for the crime was stated by him to be enmity existing between himself and Kadarbhai on account of the property of his deceased, uncle, which was claimed by the accused as well as the wife of Kadarbhai, and for which suits were pending in the High Court as well as in the Sub-Judge's Court at Surat. The chief constable took the four men referred to into custody, but he subsequently came to know that they were not at all concerned in the matter of the alleged drowning, which appeared to be purely an accident. The four men were released, and the papers of the case were submitted to the City First Class Magistrate with a report that the drowning was accidental,while the present accused was in a state of intoxication, and that the complaint was a false one, made maliciously to injure Kadarbhai and others. Agreeing with the view taken by the police, the Magistrate classed the complaint as maliciously false, and the chief constable then lodged his complaint against the present accused. The Magistrate, on the evidence before him, found that there was no one with or near the accused at the time of his falling into the river. It appeared that he was taken from the river to the Foujdar's office, and then to the Civil Hospital, where he regained his consciousness. The accused was convicted and sentenced to nine months' rigorous imprisonment.

Their Lordships, after hearing the arguments of the professional gentlemen, reduced the sentence passed on the accused to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

THE WEATHER.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 14TH DECEMBER.

Amritsar.—Weather unsettled. Drought still continues. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops. If rain holds off fortnight, rabi plants will suffer.

Hissar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Mooltan.—Cloudy, but no rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Delhi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Cawnpore.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Beawar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton arriving in small quantities.

Amraoti.—Seasonable. Cotton arriving in small quantities.

Dhulia.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops. Crop prospects generally good.

Broach.—Bright, fair weather. Easterly wind. Cotton arriving in small quantities.

Viramgaon.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton plants showing bolls.

Wadhwan.—Cotton plants flourishing and showing bolls. Cotton picking general. All crops doing well. Crop prospects generally good.

Dholera.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants showing bolls Cotton healthy.

Bhavnagar.—Bright no sign of rain. Seasonable. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants flourishing and show bolls rapidly ripening. Cotton picking commenced.

Sholapur.—All crops suffering from too little rain. Absence of rain cause anxiety.

Hubli.—Bright, no sign of rain. Easterly winds drying crops.

Bellary.—Mornings cold and dewy. Rain much needed generally. Absence of rain causes anxiety.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON THURSDAY THE 14TH DEC.

SUMMARY.

Pressure changes have been generally small and irregular.

Winds are cyclonic on the Coromandel Coast while calms and variable breezes prevail elsewhere. The force has been moderate to light.

Temperature.—The variations of the maximum temperature show an excess of 8° at Karachi and Bangalore and a defect of 5° at Malegaon, while those of the minimum show an excess of 5° to 7° at Coimbatore, Cuddapah, Bellary, Bangalore and Karwar, and a defect of 5° to 9° at Malegaon, Poona, Akola, Hoshangabad and Jubbulpore The highest temperature in the shade was 90° at Cochin and the lowest 40° at Jubbulpore.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is much cloudy at Jask, Lahore, Bangalore, Cuddapah, Madras, Coimbatore and Negapatam.

Rain.—Colombo, Negapatam, Trichinopoly, Madras and Bangalore report light to moderate showers. Jask reports about an inch and half.

Weather is yet slightly unsettled and local rain seems likely in the MadrasPresidency and in Ceylon. Weather in the Persian area is disturbed and a depression seems to exist there.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

OF TAKING A COTTAGE.

My heart was yearning for a simple life.

However, they laughed, and said that was the sort of thing a man would tire of in three weeks.

Whether this longing for quite natural delights was but a passing whim, begotten of the hour, the future must decide. My mind has pondered over the question for a long while, but offers no logical defence for the inclination. For, after all, what is it to be natural? The rows of houses of all heights and breadths, whose windows stare upon each other across the busy street, and whose foundations displace, it may be, the very soil that fed the hedgerows of the Edgware-road—are they not as natural as the martins' nests that crowd together under my cottage eaves? I had no quarrel with the eager, restless human life. What was it to me? I only longed for something else.

At first my longing took a shape in dreams.

I pictured an Arcadia where the world was young. Mountains it had, and streams and woods and springs. There, the men, gifted in the lore of flocks and herds, went on from year to year to till the soil and reap the crop. Their wisdom, for the most part, was made up of old-world saws. They planted on a growing moon; for, after all, if there were nothing in it, there was no harm done. And as each season brought the same old round of tasks, they did them readily, believing all was new. For sowing, shearing, mowing, reaping, came each time as fresh as primroses or the returning birds in spring Nobody grew a-weary but old age.

Then memory recalled an English village miles away from any town.

A little church, and in the grey old tower a peal of bells just stretching to a tetrachord. A little school. A homestead and a barton with some stacks, an inn, a forge and cottages with bits of garden back and front. Tramping on the moors I came across it, nestling in a hollow, many years ago, and still remember the rugged hills and winding roads that brought me there.

At that time there was a cottage, ancient then, with the door wide open facing towards the south. I asked for a drink of water, and the woman offered me a glass of milk. If such a cottage now—

I went. That is one of the simple delights of life—to follow a will-o'-the-wisp even though it lead to a bog. But this quest led only to a disappointment. The spirit of that hospitable home had fled. There was nothing left but the corpse of a dead habitation.

The door was open still. Nobody would take the trouble to turn the key. The diamond window-panes had been broken in wantonness. The garden was run wild; and the creepers on the front hung forward from the wall, unkempt and dishevelled.

I went inside. The front door had also a half-hatch, that happy device to draw, with a nice discrimination, the line between an exclusive privacy and open house. That little half-door which lets in the welcome summer air and yet keeps out the pigs on which you may lean your elbows and gossip for an hour with any neighbour, the urgency of whose errand does not spare time to just come in and sit down. I had long recognised the picturesque beauty and the utility of a half-hatch.

I looked around. A heap of ashes, brown from the peat, but with dead embers of charcoal intermixed, still lay on the open hea th. There was a chimney seat on either side; and on the right, let into the wall, an open oven door.

The walls were very thick, the beams heavy, and the floors sound. Really, at the expense of a few pounds the place would make a very serviceable shrmitage—

"Hullo! A-taken a bit ov a look roun', then?"

A tall, middle-aged figure, corpulent, and with shaven rubicund cheeks stood in the doorway. He carried a gnarled-ash stick, with which he tapped upon his leathern gaiter. He was of the small but well-to-do yeoman class; and through the door I saw the head of a forest pony stretching over the garden-hatch.

I like old places, and thought there was no harm" I explained.

"None in the world," he replied heartily.

"It is falling into decay."

"Wull, you see they wunt have this sort o' cottage now. Tis ill-convenient, I do own. I offered to do un up vor a man, but he looked roun', an wouldn' live in un rent vree zo he said. No, His day's done. 'Tis kingdom-come vor un, I do suppose. An' zo 'twul vor you an' I, one o' these here days." Seeming to find much merriment in our ultimate decease, he laughed aloud.

Is it to let?" said I.

"Oh,' tis to let, right enough," said he.

"I was looking for a cottage."

At once he scented a deal, and his tone changed.

Ah, wull, then! Vor anybody a-looken vor a cottage, what better could be vound? 'Tis a capital cottage, to my mind 'vor any man o' sense. Mid want a little repair, maybe—but not much. There's no cot staze a-bu ilded now like theas here. Look at the walls. Look at the vloor and the joistes. A beautiful cottage, I do call un. And he glanced around in enthusiastic admiration.

"And what would the rent be?"

"What 'ud you want done? Though, to be sure, there's little wanted. Now, I'll tell ee what I'll do. I'll have un a-whited inzide an' out. An' I'll make the winders good an' any other little thing. An' I'll vind the reed—and the spargads, an'—an' you vind the thatcher—

Find the thatcher?

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I hesitated. There was such an air of generosity about the offer. I stepped outside to take another look, and raised the broken down rose-bush with my hand. Some tenant long ago had nailed an old horseshoe above the lintel of the door.

I'll take it, said I acting upon a sudden whim.

Done! cried he, and we shook hands.

Thus do little this s lead to great issues. I took my cottage for the sake of the rusty horseshoe hanging over the door.—WALTER RAYMOND in the "St. James's Budget."

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MR. JOHN FAIRS, known to the world and by the world admired and treasured as John Hare, has hinted at the beginning of the end of his long and most honourable career in the Dramatic Department of the Public Service. Until there came into publication as there did come one day last week, a letter from the actor, correcting a wrong impression, the hint meant nothing less serious to the British stage, already suffering from a grave insufficiency of individual artistic force, than that in a year or so it would lose the active patronage of one of the most distinguished and influential custodians of its dignity. Fortunately, Mr. Hare was able to explain that his proposed retirement from the stage had to do with the provinces only, and that the announcements in the Press of his coming farewell to London playgoers were somewhat premature. This is certainly good news, but it is not great, for it points at the best but to a local blessing. The stage in general, of which the provincial stage is a most particular part, will derive no very vigorous sort of consolation from the assurance that Mr. John Hare hopes to make a reappearance in London some time in the winter of next year.

To look back upon the professional life of Mr. John Hare is to discover the actor "playing the fool" never, no matter how frivolous the theme of the comedy or farcical comedy associated with his triumphs. He has given us character from the very first, avoiding caricature as he would avoid the deep sea's twin and alternative terror. A small man in stature, he has been a great man all along in ideals and achievemets, and one of the most conspicuous things about the London stage in recent days—one might, with due regret, almost say recent years—has been John Hare's absence from it. It is not one little bit too much to say that when he bids his final farewell to the stage the higher department of comedy will lose a master well-nigh impossible to replace.

One of the most artistic things Mr. Hare ever did on the stage was done by him over thirty years ago in the part of Beau Farintosh in T. W. Robertson's School, at the old Prince of Wales's theatre. This thing was characteristic, most intensely so, of the actor's understanding of true comedy and of his methods of interpreting it, and the more-than-middle aged playgoer who recalls it to me, in conversation over the subject of Mr. Hare's recent speech at Glasgow declares that he feels to-day almost its full effect when his mind goes back to it. The actor who made this deep and abiding impression on the heart of my old friend made it by a most eloquent change 'make up.' Beau Farintosh until the closing minutes of Robertson' pretty story had tried to hide his feeblegait in a jaunty air, his wrinkles in a plaster of cosmetics, his withering body in the mockery of pads But in the end when taking his long-sought grand to his arms, with emotions which stifled all attempts-child at speech, the aged beau reappeared as a frankly grey headed old gentleman. It was just this change alone which removed the character from ridicule to reverence; it was a silent and most keenly pathetic admission on the part of the real man beneath the unreal one that the sand of his sixth age was running out to make room for the sand of his seventh it was a sudden and entirely unexpected rush of pathos which took the audience by the throat and left such a lump in it that a hundred handkerchiefs sneaked out of a hundred pockets on the transparent pretence of blowing a hundred noses. And it was John Haren all over.

In his amusing chapter of autobiography in last week's M. A. P., Mr. Weedon Grossmith, with characteristic frankness spoke of his school—days and The Duffer in the same breath! Mr. John Simpson's "Academy for Young Gentlemen" at South Hampstead gave education to three other boys who afterwards became actors—Creston and Willie Clarke, sons of the late John Sleeper Clarke, the English-American comedian who, in 1879, retired from the Haymarket Theatre to make room for "Mr. and Mrs." Bancroft, and young Tom Robertson, the only son of the dramatist, who lived in Eton Villas close by, and, who, when he was occupied with his own School, rushed round one evening to John Simpson's to get some idea of the height of the moon from the earth! It will be remembered by those who saw the comedy, that this little question about the moon entered into the dialogue of the "examination" scene. The Clarke boys, who were great at amateur theatricals at home, came eventually to adorn the stage of the elder, Creston, as a tragedian—(he had a lot of the mighty manner of his uncle, Edyin Booth)—and the younger as a comedian, like his father. I believe they are both doing remarkably well in America to-day.

I wonder if Weedon Grossmith recollects the adventure of the other "Simpson boy," Tom Robertson, one autumn evening on Hampstead Heath. Young Tom had a very large imagination for so small and slight a boy, and when he read books of adventure he was rather inclined to confuse his own personality with that of a character in the story. The possession of highly-strung nerves was clearly indicated in his bright, eager, and prominent eyes, and it was quite impossible for him to read a tale of the "Boys of England" order without growing more than ordinarily excited. So the younger Robertson—the very much younger Robertson in those days—was vastly interested to learn, on one of his rambles with the school over Hampstead Heath, that the Spaniard's Inn was the place whence Dick Turpin was supposed to have ridden Black Bess to York, and he very soon stocked himself with that kind of literature which deals pretty well exclusively with the adventures of the road in the day of the highwayman.

One evening, to the consternation of Mrs. Simpson (whom Weedon Grossmith has alluded to as the "beautiful Mrs. Simpson, whom we all adored"), a policeman drove up to the school in a cab, and carried up to the front door a large and heavy bundle. It was young Tom wrapped in nothing but a rug. The policeman's story was that her little pupil had entered the police-station at Hampstead with nothing on whatever, and informed the inspector-in-charge that he had been stopped by highwaymen on the Heath and robbed of every article of clothing he was wearing. The police made the usual inquiries and the usual arrests and Tom for some days was the hero of the school. But one night, bubbling over with excited admiration for his power of creating a Great situation, he confided to a chum in the dormitory that the adventure was all his imagination, and that he had taken off his clothes and hidden them in the bracken on the West Heath. This was found to be true and the boy's imagination subsequently received a check—made payable to bearer! Tom grew into a bright and lovable man, and as such died before reaching forty, having in his short life revived and played in all his famous father's plays, and as head of the popular organization, Tom Robertson and Henry Bruce Comedy Company, given a start in dramatic life to many men who to-day are leaders in their profesion.

Weedon Grossmith mentions in his M. A. P. autobiography another Hamstead man—Claude Hayes, the artist-son of an artist, who, in the gentle and much-esteemed person of Edwin Hayes, closed his eyes last year for ever on the seas and the ships he loved so well and painted with such consummate truth. It was at the old home of Claude Hayes—his father's house in Steele's Road, Hampstead—that George Grossmith found his new historical escape of gas. Arrived there to an evening party in the fulness of full dress, which included the whitest of white gloves, the "lion" of the evening (for George Grossmith had by that time become known as the actual author and composer of the comic song, "He was a careful man!") startled his hostess very considerably by gravely informing her that there was a fearful smell of gas in her drawing-room. It was not until Mrs. Hayes and her guests had all suffered untold agonies of suspense and carpets and heavy furniture had been displaced, in the general search for defective joints that Goerge Grossmith, cooking the familiar pince-nez up on the somewhat inadequate bridge of his nose, piped across the confused room, "Oh, it's all right! Pray don't be alarmed! It's only my gloves!",

Mr. Paul Rubens has done a wonderful thing. He has provided his leading man at the Apollo, Mr. G.P. Huntly, with a new character, Mr. Popple is not of London; he is of Appleton, and Appleton is on branch line. It is lovely to hear Mr. Poppie observe, in that wonderful Humbley tone of exquisite and unforced comedy, "I've been to London three times, and I know some fellows who have never been to Appleton at all!" Mr. Popple is a dear, good, gentle, clumsy "old sort," with double soles to his nut-brown country boots, and a great rough mustard coloured ulster with curly auburn hair and an honest sunburnt face who keeps a rosy apple in his pocket for a furtive munch—not a stage munch, reminding one of Audrey and the turnip—and whose one dissipation is shooting rabbits. It is a delightful character, delightfully drawn and played and it is only to be regretted that a nicer part than that of La Bolero a theatrical star with a black past and a present to match could not have been written for so refined an artist as Miss Ethel Jirving. However, if we must have La Bolero and her West End flat, keptup for her by a couple of wealthy married men, it is better, I no doubt, to have a refined actress in the part than a vulgar one.

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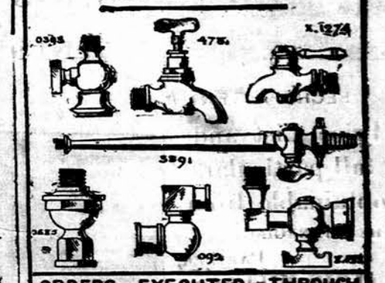

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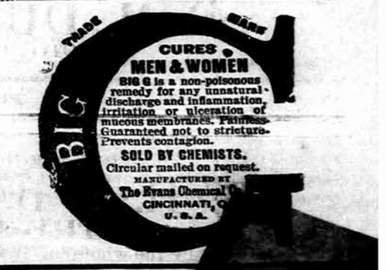

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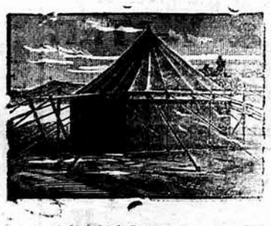

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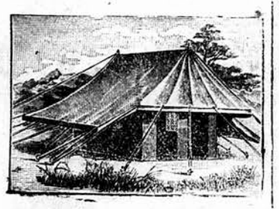

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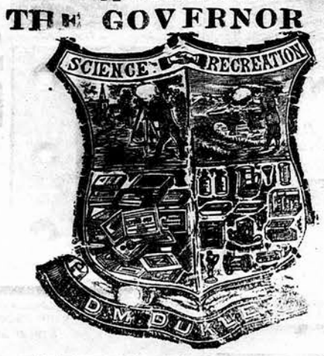

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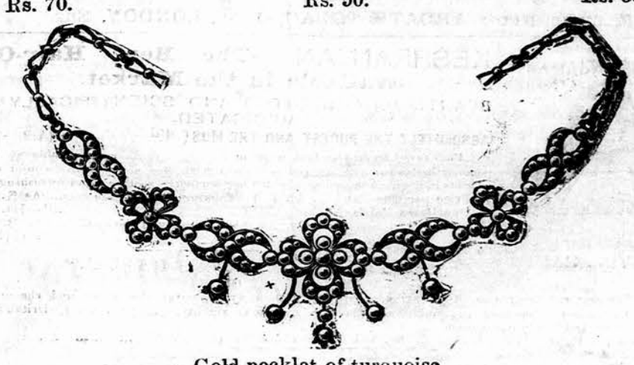

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